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WORK-OR-JAIL LAW DUE FOR SHOWDOWN

CIO Asks AFL Cooperation In State Unemployment Bill

New CLU Officers Believed Favorable to TIUC Proposal

A letter was sent out this week from the Toledo Industrial Union Council to the Central Labor Union (AFL) asking the latter to cooperate with the CIO in working for an unemployment compensation bill introduced before the state legislature in Columbus early this month.

It is believed the chances for the two major unions drawing together on the unemployment compensation bill are good in view of the fact that the CLU has a new group of officers who are favorably disposed to working closer with the CIO on legislative matters which effect the mutual welfare of the two organizations.

Tom Burke, TIUC executive secretary over whose signature the letter was written commenting on the CIO's move to work with the AFL said, "this action is in keeping with the wishes of both CIO and AFL state organizations. We believe that a bill as important to labor as the unemployment compensation bill requires our joint efforts."

Would Increase Benefits

The new unemployment compensation bill would increase the benefit from its present $16 maximum to $25 and would increase the time during which such benefits could be received from 18 to 26 weeks. It would cut the waiting period from two to one week and provides increased benefits all along the line.

Both the Ohio CIO Council and Ohio Federation of Labor have been working in close unity to advance the unemployment compensation bill since it was introduced into the legislature. The bill was introduced by Senators Kirkendall (D.) Dayton, and Witacre (D.) Minerva. In the House an identical bill was introduced by Representative Metzenbaum (D.) Cleveland.

Efforts are being made throughout the state to organize citizens committees representing leaders of various organizations to support the legislation. Cleveland Consumers League has such a committee which is active in giving the bill its backing.

Montgomery Calls For Extention Of Grade Labeling

CHICAGO — Donald Montgomery, consumer counsel for the United Auto Workers, CIO, told a national meeting of wholesale grocers here last month that labor considers distribution costs to be too high and that labor intends to do something about it as part of its post war objective of raising the general standard of living.

Montgomery said labor wants more commodity information, not only grade labeling but informative labeling to back that up, and that labor will extend its experiments into collective buying. He added that he meant the development of consumer co-ops and group contract buying.

Regional Territory Enlarged

Organzational activities have been inaugurated in the new counties assigned to Regional Director Richard Gosser. These include Richland, Knox and Ashland.

John Burke, International UAW-CIO representative, Marion, has been assigned to the new territory by Director Gosser and is conducting a survey to determine the amount of organizational work which will be necessary to bring plants into the UAW-CIO which properly come under its jurisdiction.

Begin Organization Work

Two Mansfield plants are in the beginning of organization according to a recent report from Mr. Burke who says the drive is proceeding slowly due to the fear which the workers in the plants have of losing their jobs because of union activities.

In addition to his work in the new territory, Mr. Burke is engaged in servicing the amalgamated Local of the Universal Cooler Co. Several issues are now before the War Labor Board awaiting its decision. A directive from the Board ordering a night shift bonus was received for the workers at the McFillen Feed Co., Marion, last week.

Champion Soldier Given Citation

Eugene G. Kissell, Technician 4th grade of the medical corps, a former member of Champion Spark Plug Unit, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany last December.

Technician Kissell earned his citation as a squad leader and litter bearer with elemnts of the 90th Infantry Division near Dillinger. In the severe fighting there were many casualties. Wounded American soldiers lay in an exposed area that was being steadily raked by German machine gun fire.

In the face of deadly fire, Technician Kissell together with several comrades retrieved the casualties and carried them back to safety although one of his fellow aids was killed by fire. He continued this service throughout the day and aided greatly in evacuating many wounded men.

WLB Case Progress Reported

Ralph Brown, International UAW-CIO representative handing War Labor Board cases for the office of Regional Director Richard Gosser reported progress in many of the issues before the Regional Board in Cleveland following his last trip there to expedite Region 2-B cases.

Reports on many of the cases which have been speeded up by Mr. Brown on his trips to Cleveland are now being sent out from the regional office.

Mr. Brown who is also assistant director of the Auto-Lite Council has completed negotiations and a WLB hearing on the A. L. Spark Plug Local 533, Fostoria contract and reports the wage case is before the Board. He also recently assisted in negotiations at the Fostoria Auto-Lite Foundry and the Toledo Auto-Lite plant.

Presto-Lite, Indianapolis, Ind. and Bay Mfg Co., Bay City, Michigan have recently had occasion to use the assistant Auto-Lite director services in their contract negotiations.

A model national contract for all Auto-Lite plants has been drawn up and sent to Locals which are members of the Intra-corporation Council according to Mr. Brown. Negotiations will proceed once the entire contract has been agree upon by all UAW-CIO Locals belonging to the Council.

Chest Aids China Relief

United China Relief, a National War Fund agency supported by War Chest contributions in a recent bulletin announced one of the benefits which has come to U. S. Army personnel and China's fighting forces in the shape of desperately needed materials as a result of the support of the American public.

Thousands of people have been able to secure employment in constructive production, and industries have been introduced in communities that formerly were agricultural. This change has been brought about by the cooperation of China's Industrial Cooperatives supported by the National War Fund.

Despite enemy interference and other handicaps under which the Cooperatives are forced to operate, much progress has been made in production of war-essential materials, and the industry is a valuable asset in meeting both military and civilian needs.

Unions Win Round Against Donnelly

CHICAGO (LPA) — R. R. Donnelly & Sons Co., tottering fortress of anti-unionism, was jolted by another blow this week from the Natl. Labor Relations Board.

Upholding recommendations made by a trial examiner last April, the Board ordered the big Chicago "open shop" printing firm to end its 40-year campaign against unions, which in the past has included labor-spying, blacklisting of unionists and many other forms of intimidations.

However, the order came after the company had already run up the white flag part way. Last week, in compliance with a directive from the NLRB, it agreed to sit down and bargain with four AFL printing trades unions which won an election on the property some time ago, despite the bitter resistance of management.

Union leaders hailed the NLRB order, nonetheless, declaring it would open the way to unionization of remaining crafts that are still unorganized.

Packard Election Ordered

A representation election has been ordered by the NLRB for the employees of Packard TX Division in a directive dated Feb. 24 by the Board. According to custom, the election will be held within 30 days of the date of the Board's order.

Represented on the ballot will be UAW-CIO, MESA and No Union. Arrangements for a time mutually satisfactory to the company management and the rival unions will be set within a short time in a meeting between the interested parties.

UAW-CIO representatives report great gains for their organization in the TX Division. More than 50 per cent of the workers in this division are reported belonging to the CIO union. This, say UAW-CIO representatives represents remarkable progress in view of the fact that when the organizational drive first started the division was loaded with MESA members.

Interested In Security

Employes in TX are interested in job security, a feature which is lacking in MESA membership at the Packard plant. UAW-CIO leaders at Packard report that the workers in TX are interested in the seniority which is provided by their contract.

Not only are TX employes interested in seniority protection, but they are skeptical about an organization which informs its members that they can recall their committee by a minority vote.

Confidence is high that the Auto Workers will win the election when it is held. Meantime, the organizational drive is continuing to build up additional membership and indications are that the UAW-CIO will win a decisive victory.

Propeller Unit To Vote March 5

Members of the American Propeller Unit of Local 12 will hold their annual election of officers, Monday, March 5 in the plant cafeteria.

Time for the election will extend from 8:30 a. m. Monday, March 5 to 12:30 a. m. Tuesday, March 6 to permit workers on all shifts ample opportunity to vote.

Re-elected For Third Terms

Melvin Schultz

Tom Burke

Randolph Gray

Norman Myers

Local 12 Re-elects Five Top Officers

Biddle Named Guide In Only Contested Board Position

Members of Local 12, voting in their annual election of officers Feb. 23 and 24, re-elected four of their five top officers who were unopposed and choose Jerry Biddle, incumbent guide to succeeed himself in the only contest in the entire election. Biddle defeated Ralph Mason of the Spicer Unit.

Re-elected to serve his third term was Melvin Schultz, president, Willys-Overland Unit. Also chosen to serve third terms were Tom Burke, vice-president, Spicer Unit; Norman Myers, treasurer, ational Supply Unit, and Randolph Gray, financial secretary, Spicer Unit.

Lloyd Speidell

Elected without opposition was Lloyd Speidell, Champion Unit, recording secretary. Mr. Speidell was chosen to succeed Richard Meyers several months ago when the latter resigned his post because of ill health.

Unopposed For Election

Others who were elected without opposition were William Weston, parlimentarian, Bingham Unit; Howard Cutcher, assistant guide, Auto-Lite Unit; Heinze Szeve, Rathbun-Jones Unit and Ted Modrowski, American Can Unit, trustees; Marcene Biddle, American Propeller Unit, sergeant-at-arms; Frank Kowalski, Mather Unit, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Bart Dederman, Auto-Lite Unit and Ernest Kubacki, DeVilbiss Unit, board members-at-large.

Officers and members of the executive board elected at last week's election will be installed at the next meeting of the Local, Friday, March 9. Regional Director Gosser will administer the oath of office.

Service Bureau To Sell Auto Tags

Beginning March 1, the Local 12 Service Bureau located in Room 203, 425 Winthrop St. will sell 1945 auto license tags. This extra service for Local 12 members was obtained through the efforts of Tom Burke who has been named deputy registrar.

Additional services will be added from time to time by the Service Bureau which is now authorized to accept payment of gas, electric and telephone bills. Notary public services are also available.

Bruce Melvin is in charge of the Bureau.

VETERANS COMMITTEE

There will be a regular meeting of the Local 12 Veterans Committee at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Tuesday, March 6. Because of the increased interest in the work which the committee is doing, the meeting is held in two sections. Second and and third trick members will meet at 12:30 p. m. and first shift members at 8:00 p. m.

Bitter Senate Debate Splits Party Lines

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (LPA)—The long tug-of-war over manpower legislation headed for a showdown in the United States Senate this week.

As debate over the legislation got under way, senators were bitterly divided over the kind of bill that should be passed — and even over whether any legislation is needed at all. Party lines were sharply split on the proposition.

The whole issue was thrown into confusion as a result of last minute changes in the legislation by the Senate Military Affairs Committee before it reported out the measure to the upper chamber.

At first the committee, after ditching the May work-or-jail bill, drafted a thoroughgoing substitute which was characterized as "voluntary". It contained none of the jail terms or fines which featured the May bill, stripped draft boards of any authority over the program, and left the administration in the hands of the War Manpower Commission.

At the last minute, however, two reactionary senators—Millard Tydings (D, Md.) and Warren R. Austin (R, Vt.)—threw in a couple of "monkey wrenches."

Tydings got in a vicious amendment which would freeze draft-age farm workers to their jobs, with penalties of up to five years in jail and $10,000 fine if they quit without permission of their draft boards.

Austin got through another equally bad amendment which incorporated penalties of one year in jail and up to a $10,000 fine for "willful" violators of the measure.

Both Riders Approved

Both riders were approved by narrow committee majorities. Austin's was "okayed" only with the understanding by some members that it applied solely to employers who defy Manpower Commission employment ceiling regulations, but later the senators differed on whether the amendment applied to workers as well.

At least one senator—A. B. Chandler (D, Ky.)—said he voted for the amendments in the committee only because he thought that thereby the entire bill would be defeated in the Senate. Chandler has been consistently opposed to any new legislation on the subject.

In any event, as a result of the amendments, several senators who sponsored the substitute—including Harley M. Kilgore (D, W. Va.) prime mover in drafting it—announced they would fight to eliminate the amendments on the floor of the Senate, and if they failed they would vote against the bill.

Backed Without Amendments

Without the amendments, the substitute had the backing of both the AFL and CIO. Its main features are these:

1. The WMC is given legal power to establish manpower ceilings over "less essential" industries and to direct workers celings over "less essentia" into labor-short war plants. Workers who refuse would be

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Labor Challenges Manpower Scheme

BOSTON Feb. 29 (LPA)—An attempt has been made by the War Manpower Commission to force workers in 10 textile mills in New Bedford to give up their seniority rights and take jobs in two plants making critical tire cord for military use at lower wages. The New Bedford events are expected to be typical of WMC's actions under powers recently conferred on it by "Asst. President" James F. Byrnes.

Labor leaders also regard the New Bedford WMC plan as a sample of the injustices that would occur under any law drafting workers for private industry.

Both CIO and AFL have challenged the action of the WMC as unconstitutional, arbitrary, and unjust. The textile mills, from which more than 100 workers were chosen for the tire jobs, are covered by contracts with the Textile Workers Union of America-CIO. The CIO petitioned for an injunction to restrain the WMC from transferring the workers, and was turned down Feb. 20 by a judge in U. S. District Court here.

On Feb. 23, workers were still refusing to accept the transfers, on the grounds that there were no safeguards of their seniority in the change of jobs, that wages were lower and the work load much greater in the tire cord plants. Out of 118 called by WMC, only 12 had accepted referrals.

TIUC Passes PAC Resolutions

Delegates to the Toledo Industrial Union Council passed two resolutions recommended by the Political Action Committee at its meeting of Feb. 22 after Clayton Rusch, PAC chairman told the meeting that "there is still need of leaders in various areas" in the PAC organization.

The one resolution supported passage of Senate Bill 94 and House Bill 167 which would increase the unemployment benefits from $16 for 18 weeks to $25 for 25 weeks, shorten the waiting time and provide other benefits not now included in the unemployment compensation law.

The second resolution which was passed by the Council was endorsement of Senate Bill 144 and House Bill 417 which would provide that housing projects could pay money in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Rusch reported on the progress of the current PAC membership drive and explained to the delegates that half the dues remain in the Local PAC organization with the other being sent to maintain the National PAC.

CU Chapter Elects Officers

Toledo Chapter of Credit Unions at its recent election choose the following officers for 1945.

Lowell Aultman, president; Wilbur Richards, vice-president; Carl Frautschi, secretary-treasurer. Theodore Wasserman, Evelyn Cutcher, Louise Nation and James Womer were elected to the board of directors.

North Toledo Group Favors PR Repeal

Members of the North Side Civic Association were unanimous in condemning the PR system of electing members of Toledo city council in a meeting called for a discussion of proposed changes in the PR system of voting at Riverside Park Shelter House Feb. 26.

Ollie Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL explained the position of the PAC in getting out petitions for the repeal of the PR system and told the group that his organization was seeking to get on common ground with other organizations which feel that the PR system has proven a failure and should be eliminated.

In a question and answer period following Pecord's talk against PR, various members of the audience agreed that the system was weak and should be supplanted by some other more effective system.

Want Responsible Men

It was brought out in the discussion by several speakers that they wanted a system in which the members of council were more responsible. Considerable criticism was leveled at some members of council because they are difficult to locate and do not know what is going on in the city.

Two North Toledo leaders expressed the view that the PR system and nine man council were not the reason for the improvement in the city government, but ascribed the more efficient government as being due to the city manager administration. They said they believed the city manager form of government would be efficient regardless how many councilmen there were or how they were elected.

Two speakers advocated a return to the old 21 man form of city government. One of them

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OLD PICTURES

Publication of old pictures in the JOURNAL has aroused considerable interest. Anyone having old sports or other pictures in which Local 12 members appear may submit them to Birdie Rule, sports editor, or Ollie Pecord, managing editor of the JOURNAL.

Incentive Pay Plan Spurned by Labor

UAW Opposition Based On Convention Policy

DETROIT, March 1, (LPA)—The Ford Motor Co., has proposed an incentive pay plan to the United Auto Workers-CIO but there is no official indication yet that the union will abandon its traditional opposition to the piece work idea.

The Ford proposal is expected to come before the Int'l Executive Board at its next meeting, but the union policy established at the 1943 convention in Buffalo is expected to be a heavy influence in preventing approval of the Ford plan.

The UAW at that time voted that "it reiterates emphatically its traditional opposition to the introduction of incentive or piece-work plans in the plants ...where such plans do not exist. This convention of the UAW-CIO takes a firm position against extension of incentive pay plans because we believe that piece-work will neither bring our nation maximum war production nor provide workers with an adequate annual wage."

Incentive pay, the UAW declared, "will result only in further aggravating the dislocation and unbalancing of production schedules, resulting in layoffs, unemployment and dissipation of our manpower." The UAW's 1944 convention took no action to change this attitude.

AFL unions are also discontented with piece work ideas. The War Labor Board reported last week that it had denied a request by the AFL Amalgamated Lithographers "to eliminate a wage incentive plan but ordered that the plan, which had been in effect since 1939, should be modified in several respects." Labor members of the Board dissented from the ruling which involves AFL members at the Standard Register Co., Dayton, Ohio.

The AFL union contented in its appeal that the incentive pay be eliminated because the "workers had organized in 1943 for the purpose of abolishing the plan..."

The Ford proposal to the UAW-CIO was based on the idea that high operation costs might force the company to close down its steel mill after the war ends.

Wallace Confirmation Seen As Certain Now

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (LPA) — Henry Wallace will be confirmed as Secretary of Commerce by the Senate when it convenes on March 1. Both CIO and AFL leaders who put up a fight for him are convinced of that now.

However, the fate of another FDR appointee, Aubrey Williams as head of the Rural Electrification Administration, was seen as far less certain by labor leaders and progressives in Congress.

Wallace, if confirmed, will take over a Commerce Dept. that has been stripped of several of its most important functions. Passage of legislation by Sen. George (D. Ga.), removed from the Commerce Dept. control of Federal lending agencies that labor believes will have great effect on any postwar full employment program.

The attack on Wallace by Congressional reactionaries was almost duplicated in the case of Wililams, former head of the Natl. Youth Administration.

Sen. Scott Lucas (D. Ill.) declared "In my 10 years in Songress I have never seen a witness under consideration as head of an important agency so abused and maligned." Lucas was originally opposed to Williams on the basis of "rumor, innuendo and conversation" but after hearing Williams testify before the Senate Agriculture Committee Lucas became convinced that FDR's selection was well qualified to direct REA.

Sen. Aiken (R. Vt.) praised Williams for his record as NYA administrator and declared that Williams has handled $6,000,000 in government funds for the project "efficiently and honestly."

CIO Board To Meet On Wage Increases

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (LPA)—The immediate answer of the CIO to the report by public members of the War Labor Board opposing any lifting of the "Little Steel" formula was condemnation, and a statement by CIO president Philip Murray that an "extraordinary session" of the CIO executive board was to be held.

Murray, commenting on the wage report, said that "the situation in which labor now finds itself it simply intolerable."

A dissenting statement was also issued by the CIO representatives on the War Labor Board: Van A. Bittner, John Brophy, Carl J. Shipley, Neil Brant, and Delmond Garst. "Under present conditions," the CIO members said that they did "not see how they can discharge their very deep responsibility to the nation and to labor."

Attack Trick Formula

They attacked the new, trick formula used by the public members of WLB to prove that there should be no wage raises. They also attacked the suggestion in the report that wages be fixed by legislation for the postwar period. This, the CIO men said, "reflects a complete abdication of administrative responsibility and accepts an approach which cannot receive support from either industry or labor."

"The present situation," the CIO statement continued, "reveals a complete emasculation of the power of the Board in wage disputes. Not merely have its decisions been subjected to review by the OPA and Judge Vinson, the Director of Economic Stabilization, but it has been practically prohibited from making effective its decisions affecting wage adjustments until approval therefor is obtained from these agencies."

Advise Wage Earner

"Wage earners should therefore be advised that their cases which wend their weary way through the machinery of the War Labor Board cannot result in a final decision by the Board on the merits of the particular cases."

"The procedure adopted by the Board are so complex that the processing of cases is bogged down in administrative routines...Even where a specific decision manages to avoid all of these restrictions and finally emerges from the Board, labor has found it practically impossible to secure compliance where an employer refuses to obey the directive order. The labor members find no vigorous approach on the part of the public members to meet this very serious problem."

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denied referral to other jobs—and thus might face a "work-or-starve" threat in place of the May bill's "work-or-jail" club. That, however, is the only compulsory feature of the measure, and the sponsors felt confident it would seldom be applied.

2. The bill covers workers of all ages—women and men—in contrast to the May bill which applied only to men from 18 to 45.

3. The WMC is empowered to investigate labor waste and hoarding in war plants and to crack down on such wastage.

4. Workers who are persuaded to move to jobs in other areas will have transportation paid for themselves, their families and their household goods—going and coming.

5. Seniority rights in their old jobs will be protected for workers who are induced to transfer to key war plants.

6. Labor-management manpower committees in all localities are given statutory standing and thus will have considerable authority in administration of the program.

7. "Assistant President" James F. Byrnes is instructed to probe waste in utilization of labor at Navy Yards, arsenals and other establishments operated by the Army and Navy—that's a feature the "brass hats" especially dislike.

8. Employers who violate ceiling regulations are subject to loss of certain tax exemptions and to court prosecution. If the Austin amendment stays in the bill, they will be subject to fines and jail terms also.

Ignore FDR Demands

In throwing out the May bill and drafting the substitute, the committee ignored demands from President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and other high officials that the work-or-jail measure be enacted.

2,250,000 Workers Disabled in 1944

WASHINGTON (LPA)—During 1944, about 2,250,000 American workers were disabled as the result of industrial injuries, Labor Secretary Frances Perkins has announced. American combat casualties—killed, wounded and taken prisoner—will reach the 1,000,000 mark within two months, the Army and Navy disclosed last week.

Waste Of Lumber Hit By CIO

PORTLAND, Ore. March 1 (LPA)—There is serious danger that the "timber wealth" of the nation, now concentrated in the Pacific Northwest, may be dissipated by wasteful exploitation, according to the International Woodworkers of America-CIO.

Measures to control ruthless exploitation of the timber lands are still woefully inadequate, the union asserts. "Private organizations and public spirited citizens have from time to time brought the problem before the public," says an editorial in the Feb. 14 "International Woodworker," but "it has become increasingly obvious that the only organization sufficiently powerful and sufficiently interested to bring about a definite change in public policy is the union; the union of men whose livelihood is directly dependent upon the preservation of our lumber resources."

A bitter attack upon the private lumber operators, who should act in the public interest, but have not done so, is made by the union.

The stories of the enormous opportunities for using wood by-products, now simply wasted, are being told in a series of articles specially prepared by technical experts for the union's paper. The union is urging a vigorous campaign for a federal, state and local conservation program in the wood industry.

U. S. Steel And CIO Sign New Contract

PITTSBURGH, February 26 (LPA)—The United States Steel Corp. signed up again last week with the United Steelworkers of America-CIO. The new contract provides for maintenance of membership and dues checkoff ordered by the War Labor Board and premium pay of 4c and 6c an hour for afternoon and night shifts.

The contract also provides for dismissal pay, the first time it has been included in a steel industry contract. A three-man board of arbitration and conciliation to decide union grievances was agreed upon.

The contract also incorporated "one week's vacation for five years' service, and two weeks for service beyond five years." Negotiations began in Dec. 1943, but final approval rests with WLB. A demand for a guaranteed annual wage was not included, because the WLB has suggested to President Roosevelt that he appoint a special commission to study the problem.

Millions of dollars of retroactive pay are involved in the new agreement. The USA-CIO pointed out that the "recent financial report of the U. S. Steel Corp. provided a fund of $30,000,000 for 1944 for this purpose."

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said, "the present city councilmen get more money than they did under the 21 man government and do less work."

Cullen Opposes PR

E. J. Cullen former member of city council and a member of the charter commission which acted on the PR system in 1927 spoke against the present system of electing city councilmen. "I opposed PR in 1927 and I oppose it now" he said. Mr. Cullen stated that the PR system was un-American and inequitable and advocated a system of voting whereby "every citizen's vote is equal to mine and mine is equal to every other citizens."

A. T. Ducia, president of the North Side Civic Association which sponsored the meeting expressed the view that all the groups which oppose the PR system should get together and work for the repeal of the system and not allow themselves to become divided over several proposals for dividing the city into districts and other plans which have been mentioned at various times.

At the suggestion of Mr. Pecord, tentative plans were made for a joint meeting of the North Toledo group and PAC following the issuance of the PR repeal petitions. Pecord invited the group to attend any of the PAC meetings and told them to bring their friends.

Members of the North Toledo Improvement Association were present at the meeting and also took part in the discussion of PR.

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Detroit Firms Attempt To Force Strike

DETROIT, Feb. 28 — A nicely timed scheme to provoke strikes in Detroit just as a Senate committee is scheduled to start an investigation of fake manpower shortages in the nation's arsenal city was charged last week by Clark Hutchinson, international representative of the United Auto Workers—CIO.

The strike provocations, Hutchinson said, came from three companies, Packard Motor, Bohn Aluminum & Brass, and Murray Corp. The Senate group, headed by Sen. Mean (D. N. Y.), opened Detroit hearings on Feb. 26.

Hutchinson declared that the three plants "are trying to provoke the UAW into a strike to make things look bad" as the Mead Committee begins its investigation.

At Packard, Hutchinson said, a union representative was fired; at Bohn and Murray union representatives were suspended. The Packard firing was in violation of the union contract.

UAW representatives have recently told Congressional committees in Washington, considering the work-or-jail bill, that there is flagrant wastage of skilled and unskilled manpower in Detroit and that the auto industry is guilty of labor hoarding. Wholesale layoffs have occurred, it was testified, while auto firms were advertising for more help and telling the WMC that they were in critical need of more workers.

The Council's charges to the Mead Committee involved distorted strike figures and a contention that the auto workers' union was attempting to "muscle in" on management. Addes pointed out that "Time lost through strikes and lockouts in the auto industry has averaged 80% less than the peacetime average. Total time lost through strikes in 1942 and 1943 amounted to no more than .12 of 1% of all time worked."

Kaiser Profits $27,000,000

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Henry Kaiser, the "miracle man" of U. S. war production, has been paid off nicely for his miracles, Congress was told last week by Rep. Woodruff, (R, Mich.). Kaiser has made net profits of $27, 274,487, Woodruff said. The original investment of the Kaiser group was $100,000, but the government "has spent the sum of $216,647,734 in providing facilities," the Congressman declared.

OPA Tightens Up On Sugar

WASHINGTON (LPA)—To insure an adequate supply of sugar for victory gardeners to do home canning, OPA will tighten up on its allotments of sugar for such purposes. No ration stamps in Book Four will be valid for canning this year, and applicants will have to apply to the local War Price and Rationing Boards for sugar for canning. Last year, with very lax regulation, 300,000 tons over the allotment were used in canning.

World Labor Federation Charted by Unions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (LPA)—An appeal has been issued from London to the workers of the world to unite under the banner of a new world labor federation to speedy and "uncompromising" victory over enemies of the United Nations. to utilization of the "rich resources of the world for the benefit of its people," rising standards of living and real security for all, and "a democratic society which will assure political and civil equality and full cultural opportunity for the people of the earth."

Aftermath of the World Trade Union Conference, at which the CIO delegates represented U. S. labor, the 41-man continuing committee issued the manifesto on Feb. 22. U. S. representative on the committee was Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the CIO Political Action Committee.

A claim to a place at the peace table was staked out by the committee, which decided to see that there was a delegation from the Conference on hand at the United Nations conference scheduled for San Francisco in April.

Meet In September

The next full meeting of the Conference is set for next September in Paris, at which time final decisions will be made on the composition and structure of the new world labor body.

According to CIO representative Hillman, the AFL would be welcomed at the September meeting, since the recent London conference decided that more than one trade union federation would be accepted into membership representing a nation.

However, the recent AFL executive council meeting in Miami instructed AFL president Wililam Green to urge a meeting of the Intl. Federation of Trade Unions, pre-war world labor federation, in the United States in September. It further voted that the AFL should have nothing to do with the body set up in London, which Green has called a "Communist-labor front."

Also scheduled for September, besides the World Labor Conference and the IFTU sessions, is the regular meeting of the Intl. Labor Office, which is to take place in Paris. U. S. labor was represented at the last ILO sessions by AFL official Robert J. Watt, who also sits for the AFL at the IFTU meetings.

Meanwhile, a delegation of CIO men has been invited to go to Paris as guests of the French Labor Federation. Besides Hillman, those making the trip are John Abt, Amalgamated counsel, Martin Kyne of the United Retail & Wholesale Employees and Michael Ross of the Indus. Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers.

Law To Curb Mail Censorship Asked

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Censorship of mail by the U. S. Postoffice Department would be curbed by legislation introduced in Congress by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D, N. Y.).

Celler's bill would prevent the Postoffice from barring magazines and books from the mail for more than 30 days without a court hearing. It has the support of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Ohio Is Labor Model

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (LPA) — Organized labor in Ohio has given the nation an example of how state anti-labor laws can be fought.

AFL, CIO and the Railway Brotherhood have a genuine working agreement with regular weekly meetings in Columbus, the state's capital. The agreement was first worked out in 1943 by Ted Silvey, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Industrial Union Council. Silvey, who is now chairman of the CIO's Committee on Reconversion, pointed out that when the joint legislative meetings were organized, the AFL and CIO shared the cost of renting a room in a hotel near the Capitol building for the Tuesday meetings. Also the two labor groups jointly hired a "reporter," a member of the Typographical Union, who not only kept tabs on what was happening day-to-day in the legislature but wrote a regular news letter and releases for the labor press.

Provided Full Discussion

The working agreement between the AFL and CIO, Silvey said, provided for full discussion of all pending legislation in order that AFL and CIO witnesses can testify in agreement on any legislation. The weekly meetings, Silvey noted, have been attended not only by AFL and CIO representatives but also by representatives of the United Mine Workers and numerous independent unions in Ohio. These weekly legislative conferences became so important, he pointed out, that members of the legislature frequently attended to discuss pending bills with labor men.

The Ohio example could well be followed in other states where labor legislation and anti-union campaigns need joint action by AFL, CIO and Railway Brotherhoods, Silvey declared. At least four other states have similar labor lobbies; Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington, and Tennessee.

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A Pledge For Americans

A Lenten Challenge

By Ruth Taylor

"I will come to the defense of my fellow-Americans against hate attacks and answer anyone who speaks, in seriousness or in jest, along the lines of racial or religious hate."

This fine pledge was printed on the cover of the Presbyterian of the South, one of my best sources of quotes.

To me it is symbolic of the very finest in democratic thinking. It is an active expression of the democracy that is American, of the thought that is the welding force of our nation.

"I will come to the defense of my fellow-Americans." There is no mention of name or creed or color — just a wholehearted acceptance of the fact that all who are desirous of doing their part for the common good are Americans, and that there is no differentiation between them on the group lines drawn by the totalitarian tyrants.

"Against hate attacks." Here is no pussyfooting, but a bold appraisal and statement of the enemy' motives — that subtle enemy who seeks to divide that he may destroy, not merely the unity that is the United States, the universal justice which is the aim of Democracy, but the brotherhood that is the Christian way of life.

"And answer anyone who speaks. It is not a negative vow, not so to speak, but an active willingness to bear witness for the truth — to answer anyone who speaks, in seriousness or in jest, along the lines of racial or religious hate. There is no saying "Well, they didn't really mean it," but a fervent desire to make one's own position clear—to call attention to the evil, so that those who "didn't mean it" may see how dangerous and how wrong their carelessness or indifference was and how un-American it is.

In this Lenten season, when the hearts of all believers turn to the day that is the great feast of the Church, when through the coming days we will sincerely try to evaluate our own faith and to put aside those things which are unworthy of it, let us all take this pledge. Let us put into practice these great truths in which we believe. Let us follow humbly the way of life to which we owe allegiance, and establish for all time the great Commandment of the Christian religion—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Army Has Program For "Job Jumpers"

WASHINGTON, February 27 (LPA) — While clamoring for labor draft legislation, the Army has put into effect its own "work or fight' scheme for draft-deferred men under 38 who quit war jobs without permission of their Selective Service boards.

This "work or fight" plan was authorized under an executive order issued last December by "Asst. President" James F. Byrnes.

Since then draft boards have been calling up for re-examination men who shifted jobs without an "okay". The Army, meanwhile, agreed to lower its physical standards so as to take in physically unfit "job jumpers" up to a limit of 15 per cent above its regular inductions.

Now the Army has started inducting such men and placing them at Camp Ellis, Ill., for four weeks of basic military training. Thereafter, they are to be given the choice of going back into "essential" war industries as members of the "enlisted reserve" or of being assigned to Army installations mostly for "kitchen police" work.

NLRB Grants CIO Delay

DETROIT (LPA)—The NLRB has granted the United Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Employees-CIO a "reasonable period" in which to get a contract with the Montgomery Ward management for workers in the Royal Oak stores. The AFL Retail Clerks' Intl. Protective Association had asked for an election in the store, and the NLRB turned down their request, on the grounds that the Board has been asked to "afford a labor organization forced into a large measure of inactivity by recourse to the peaceful means of settlement provided by the government, a reasonable period in which to attain this end, and achieving it, an additional reasonable time to insure its employees its benefits.

War Bond For War Baby

DETROIT (LPA)—Two-year-old Diana Wigle of Detroit will have something very useful to remind her of the union activities of her father, who went off to the wars and never came back. She was presented with a $500 war bond by members of Packard Local 90 UAW-CIO, who wanted to honor the memory of her father, Lt. Thomas Wilfred Wigle. Lt. Wigle was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

The election for executive shop committee was held the 20th and 21st of February, and the following were elected to to office: John Grup, chairman; Cap Andrews, vice-chairman; Chuck Johnson, secretary; John Byrd, Clem Jones, Al Kulwicki, Vern Montague, Cliff Keill, and Minnie Schlegel. The Champion Unit wishes to express their appreciation to the election committee and the volunteers, for the way they handled the elections of the executive shop committee—they have done a fine job and deserve a lot of credit.

The officers and members of the Champion Unit wish to convey their sympathy to the following: Irene Mylek, Dept. D, 1st shift, whose husband Frank, made the supreme sacrifice, to Stella Wachowiak, Dept. E, and Celia Raczkowski, Dept. D, both from the 2nd shift, who lost their father Vincent Janowiecki, also the Gorny Brothers, Fred, Felix and Joseph, all of Dept. B, who lost their father recently.

The gals from Dept. L in E had a birthday and card party at Laverta's house last Saturday night. Among the card sharks were the following; Rita Schiess, Doris Gardner, Ruth Wasser, Ruth Hartwig, Kathryn Schweibold , Virginia Mominee, and Clementine Slowacki. Ruth W. sure could rake in the paying cards.

It's orchids to Leona Smith, in "D," for her aid to a boy in the service. What a big heart that gal has.

As of February 24th, Bernie King won't haye to worry about the man shortage. Congratulations Mrs. Lammie.

Notice to Male Employees: Don't forget the Champion Handicap. Double Sweepstakes at the ABC Alleys, Sunday, March 11th, 1945, 16th St., between Monroe and Jefferson.

We hear Eddie Barkholt is home from the hospital. We hope you're feeling fit as a fiddle by this time—and by the way Edward has your "bay window" receded any?

Local 12 is inaugurating a new International Recreation Program for its women members.

A committee has been appointed by the Local, to organize women members from all Local Units in Toledo, to participate in this program—which offers all recreational activities at the YWCA, at no cost to the members.

The recreational committee is striving to put this program in effect by the later part of March—anyone wishing to take this opportunity to enjoy an evening of swimming, dancing, roller skating, gymnastics, etc., will kindly turn in her name and address to the recreational committee—for further information see Martha Izbinski or Irene Cherry.

Airway Unit Airings

DOINGS IN DEPT. 15

Betty DeShelter has taken a two week leave to welcome her husband home on furlough.

Teresa Tarr is home for two weeks for a minor operation. Mae Carter is out to have a bad appendix removed. We hope to see them both back to work soon.

During our Sunday noon hour in the auditorium, we discovered there is plenty of good musical talent in our department. Herbie and the piano, Herman ditto, Bill and his harmonica and lots of other musical instruments they play at home. We also have some nice voices. We could almost organize a band of our own.

We have sold quite a few PAC tickets to our members in the department. They recognize a good thing when they see it.

We are sorry to lose Ella Mae Johnston as our committeewoman. We all like her very much, but we know that Al Jankowski will do all he can to help us in our problems.

NEW COMMITTEE

Our new committee is just beginning to function. I'm sure in a little while they will be clicking as a team. We also have five new Stewards, namely: Mike Krispin, Vivian Fischer, Florence Grup, Millard Whestone, and Norman Provencher.

Bridges' Stay Askad

WASHINGTON (LPA)—CIO's President Philip Murray asked the President to terminate the "deportation proceeding directed against Harry Bridges and thereby afford him the opportunity to become a citizen of this country." The letter was in line with a resolution adopted at the last CIO convention.

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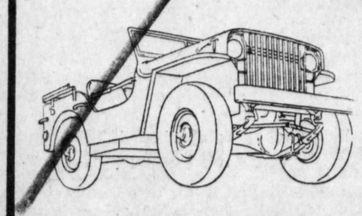
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Bingham Unit Elect Committee

Members of Bingham Unit recently elected a new shop committee. They are William Weston, (center, front row) chairman; James Czerniak, vice chairman; Billie Williams, secretary; Joseph Matuszewski, sergeant-at-arms; Walter Miller, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Dale Dunn, Peter Couturier, Walter Augustyniak, Esther Francis and Violet Spiller. A good looking bunch. Eh?

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For more labor-minded councilmen recall the P. R. system of voting and know who you are going to elect. We know if we elect our council city wide we will get better labor-minded people to fill the elective offices (we carry no party label).

The members of the Willys Unit would like to offer their sympathy to the families of Pfc. Alvin Knecht, formerly of department 103-178, who was killed in action Jan. 12. A Lt. Zollie C. Juhasz, O-1326215; of department 307-522, who was killed in action Jan 30.

A short time ago there appeared in this column a few corrective ideas for the brass hats of department 402 but we guess it didn't do any good. What we would like to suggest now is that Wagner, the top kick, wear the shoes that were assigned to him and that Mr. Beltz wear his, seeing he belongs in a lower strata.

Greetings to our friend and tobacco chewing brother, William Getz of department 268—first shift—who is on the sick list.

The duties and work of Harold White must be getting tougher or he is getting absent minded as he came to work the other morning with an oxford on one foot and a high shoe on the other foot. You ought to know by this time the brothers and sisters in department 268 see everything or is Dick Hughes getting you down?

We would like to again take this opportunity to thank the brothers and sisters of the Flying Squadron who serve our unit as pallbearers at funerals of our deceased members or any of their families. Thanks again for a fine service. Brothers and sisters, if at any time this happens in your family and you are in need of pallbearers call GA. 2861 extension 368 and ask for Welfare. This service is yours for the asking.

Won't you please send in some department news, it is a hard job writing this column without any news. Just put it in a factory envelope and address it Claude Hess.

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Auto-Lite Unit News

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Auto-Lite Unit Chairman, Howard Cutcher, and the entire Executive Committee of Auto-Lite, for the warm spirit of cooperation they have shown me throughout the year past. It was indeed a rare privilege accorded to one with but two years of seniority in Auto-Lite. Their cooperation and friendly guidance helped me over many a rough spot.

To those of the third trick with whom I became closely associated, may I say thank you for your cooperation. It was indeed a pleasure to represent people of your calibre. I hope someday in the not-too distant future, I may have the pleasure of representing you again.

To the girls of Local No. 12 dues office an especially warm thank you for your unquestionable spirit of cooperation, which I enjoyed for the past year. It is your type of people that make it a pleasure to come down to Local 12. And a special thank you to Esther for forgiving me for all the mistakes I made.

To the stewards and stewardess on third trick, whose advice has helped me untold number of times, may I say thank you and indeed it was a rare pleasure to work with you.

And last but by no means least a most sincere thank you to our regional director Mr. Richard Gosser for the unquestionable support and marvelous spirit of cooperation shown the Auto-Lite in our last bit of trouble. Being associated with men of your fine caliber makes it a pleasure to belong to a labor union.

Fraternally yours,
Kenneth O'Brien.
APD Auto-Lite.

Senate Labor Group Studies Vet's Care

WASHINGTON (LPA) — An investigation is about to be started by a Congressional subcommittee into the "quality of the medical services given in Veterans' Administration facilities and the ability of the Administration to discharge the heavy duties which will be placed on it." The survey, which will pay special attention to psychiatric services for veterans, is planned by a subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education of the Senate Labor and Education Committee. The subcommittee is headed by Sen. Claude Pepper (D, Fla.,), and gave Congress an interim report on health needs of veterans on Feb. 26.

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Plaskon Powder Pounders

Because of the interest some church officials have shown since the conception of our CIO, I saw fit to interview one whose name I have been asked to withhold because of his connections with WLB. Panels. He expresses the opinion that all labor, under the UAW-CIO. constitution can reap more of the fruits of labor which from a religious view point is guaranteed in the study of the Bible.

Both learned, Catholic and Protestant clergymen agree that proper application of union principles and education, have a tendency to discourage socialistic teachings. If we had properly educated industrialists, referring of course to biblical education — I would like at this time to make reference to 4Gen: iii.17. If you take time to look this up, ask yourself if you are saving enough so that "In thy labor thou shalt eat of it all the days of thy life." If you answer negative then figure it out, whether you, the Bible, or Plaskon is wrong, and who among us dare say the bible is in error. Yes, for my part, I'll take good old St. James any old day. 5 St. James v4 is another very good recommendation. However St Matt vvx40 is a home run.

Hitch-Hikers Lose Seniority Rights

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The only exception to seniority rules in layoffs at the New England Shipbuilding Corp., according to a union-management agreement, will be workers who are delinquent in their union dues under the terms of the contract between the Indus. Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers-CIO and the company. This is hailed by the union as a history-making agreement, especially since estimates here are that almost ⅓ of the workers in the industry will be laid off by the end of June because the curtailed federal shipbuilding program.

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National *Supply Unit News*

By "Shorty" Sager

PATRIOTISM

Carl Weber is a real patriot. He puts a guy who doesn't weight a pound less than 250 on a woman's job as a clerk to release the woman for a facing machine. And the WMC still insists there is a manpower shortage in Toledo. Haw!

AROUND THE SHOP

Twin boys weighting in at 8 and 9 lbs. respectively were born to Mrs. Mike Bauere recently. Mike's chest is outstanding, but congratulations to both parents.

Ex-servicemen are requested to turn in their names and addresses to Ed. Fitzgerald at their earliest convenience. This reminds me to remind you that the Servicemen's Committee meets at Local 12 headquarters the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Dave Rollo is another of our union members who has been advanced to foreman over the assemblers in dept. 40.

New bugles have been purchased by our drum and bugle corps. If there are any who would like to learn how to toot the tooters they should contact Tommy Alcock, dept. 40.

Peanuts is the usual offering from his fellow-workers to Carl Crossman since he purchased his new false choppers. Carl is an expert soup "eater."

Jimmy Davis is suffering from fallen arches as a result of the cafeteria window falling on his head.

Wonder if the reason why E. H. Williams visits dept. 86 so frequently is to catch his secretary loafing?

Andy Sheldon is moving because the place where he now lives has ground that won't grow burrs.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Nadine Morrison whose husband was killed in action in Belgium, Feb. 5.

Ed Berres dept. 13-2M has been inducted into service. He thanks all who donated to the collection which was given him.

Dick Soncrant formerly of dept. 29 visited the shop while home on furlough.

Don't forget the big St. Patrick's dance. Ducats 50 cents per copy. Shorty will soon be around on his horsie with the tickets so be prepared for the sales talk. Dance will be held March 17 at CIO headquarters, 611 Huron St.

Election of Unit officers will be held Thursday, March 8. Be sure and vote.

Workers' Illness Up 70 Per cent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (LPA)—Sickness among industrial workers has risen 70% higher in 1944 than in the same period in 1938, according to a recent report by the U. S. Public Health Service. Rates for individual groups of diseases were higher during 1944's third quarter than in any in the past ten years. The report listed seven conditions resulting from wartime working pressure.

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ELECTION

Results of the Unit election held Sunday, Feb. 25. Following were elected: Chairman, Ernie Jakubowski; vice-chairman, Joe (Butch) Kazmarek; secretary, Eddie Canklinger. Elected to serve as members of the executive shop committee were the following: Rosaline Emerson, Pete ebrowski, Josephine Barowitz, and Ann Plichninski.

Now let's get behind our officers and give them our wholehearted support and cooperation. Thanks are due to the election committee for the services they rendered to the Unit.

Wonder what became of Jerry's rowboat. We haven't seen it lately.

Fred Drew's son wounded in action was recently returned to this country.

Gertie Dombroski is enjoying a delayed honeymoon with her husband Stanley who has returned from overseas.

Pvt. Stanley Kusz husband of Harrietta Kusz is recovering from shoulder wounds in a English hospital.

Benny Ball is reported doing okay and will soon be back to work.

U. S. Women Delegates Start English Tour

WASHINGTON, March (LPA)—The delegation of four U. S. women union members has arrived in Britain, and survived their first British press conference, according to report received here by the Office of War Information.

The women expect to visit British labor and government leaders, then tour some of the British industrial establishments employing large numbers of women.

AFL representatives on the delegation are Mrs. Maida Springer of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and Mrs. Julia O'Connor Parker of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. CIO members on the tour are Anne Murkovich of the Hosiery Workers and Mrs. Grace Blackett of the United Auto Workers.

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Whisperings

Faint whisperings and rumors which are already beginning to circulate throughout this city, designed to confuse and divide the opponents of the PR system of electing members of city council, is an indication of the strength of the anti-PR movement.

Despite these efforts to confuse and divide, the sentiment against PR continues to mount.

Evidence of the continued growth of sentiment opposed to the PR system was indicated this week when members of the North Toledo Civic Association meeting to discuss PR repeal were unanimous in their condemnation of the system.

Nor does the resistance to a continuation of PR rest exclusively in the North end, for sample polls of public opinion taken in several sections of the city prove beyond doubt that PR is marked for defeat and will be overwhelmingly rejected by the voters this fall.

One of the most plausible objections to a referendum on the PR system this year is that the members of the armed forces will be unable to vote on the issue.

Under the present system, the people in the armed services are denied the right to vote. This is one of the best reasons we can think of for repealing PR.

On the other hand, should the state legislature make it possible for the servicemen to vote, the argument advanced by the proponents of PR becomes invalid. In either case, the justice of the PR referendum cannot be denied on the grounds that it is unfair to those in the services.

Rumors that the PAC isn't sincere in its efforts to repeal PR and that the matter will be allowed to die a slow death and will never come to a vote is a forlorn hope on the part of those who probably wish their hopes could make the rumor true. There will definitely be a referendum on PR this fall.

There is every reason to believe that PR is on its last legs and that when the citizens of Toledo vote this fall they will repeal this un-American system which has been ideal in theory, but a dismal failure in fact.

The improvement in our city government attributed to the PR system lies not with the system, but with the city manager form of adminisration which has succeeded in spite of PR rather than because of it.

Labor Draft Bill

After weeks of hearings, debate and wrangling, congress is about to come up with a labor draft bill far removed from what the President originally requested.

Perhaps if the war continues to progress as satisfactorily as it has for the past two weeks, congress may even reach the point where it feels that the bill it is now considering is nothing but a meaningless gesture and will end in junking it as it did the May-Bailey work-or-fight bill.

Time alters situations, and in the case of the labor draft bill, the need for it, if such a need ever existed, is rapidly disappearing.

At the time the President made his request for a bill to draft labor, the German breakthrough had not been erased. The danger of more German attacks was very real and the concern of Army officials was probably genuine.

Today, the need for a manpower draft seems to be out of the question. Despite the alarmists in the Army who succeeded in conveying their alarm to the President, the progress of our arms in Germany and in the Pacific in recent weeks has been quite satisfactory to the heads of the Army and Navy.

Despite all that was said about shortages, and it is possible that there may have been some, it now appears that the American armies were well prepared for the drives which are now going forward into Germany and in the mounting attacks upon Japan.

How all this could be done if there was a shortage of material and equipment is something difficult to understand. Yet, the war has gone on, our military forces are on the offensive and we have yet to receive reports of "too little, too late" since the newest drives against the enemies have been under way.

This does not signify that some sort of a gesture will not be made by congress to give the President a bill relative to manpower which will embody neither the letter nor the spirit of the executive's request. Such a diluted version of a labor draft bill will, in all probability, be unsatisfactory to Mr. Roosevelt.

If the President doesn't like what congress gives him, he has the power of veto. Perhaps he will use that power and then abuse a congress which saw fit to stall until all need for compulsion had been completely wiped out.

Political Action

by Clayton Rusch
Chairman of the Political Action Committee

Editor's Note: Pvt. Duck has completed his eight day furlough and returned to camp where he will undergo a brief training period before being permanently assigned. Due to his change he was unable to write a column for this week's paper. His column will be resumed within a week or two.

POST-WAR PLANS

When we discuss post war plans, we are apt to be a little too general. For one thing, the term full employment should be understood to require a system which will provide 60 million jobs.

One thing essential to insure the existence of 60 million jobs is a public works program which will (1) provide jobs for all not employed by private industry, (2) pay the prevailing union rate of pay, (3) be designed to do socially useful work, such as building projects, road construction, rehabilitation programs etc. (4) recognize the right of the employee to be represented by his union the same as in any other industry, (5) be financed by taxation on yearly incomes in excess of $5000.

The above outlined provisions are the only possible basis for a full employment program. To accomplish its realization there is still much to be done. The important thing is, what steps we can take now to bring closer the day when full employment can be established through enactment of the legislation necessary to assure it.

First, we must flood the legislators in Washington and Columbus with letters stating how we wish them to vote on legislation which affects labor. Second, we must build the Political Action Committee to a point where the candidates endorsed by it are elected.

Our representatives in Columbus should be swamped with letters demanding passage of Senate bill 94 and House bill 167.

TO INCREASE BENEFITS

These bills will increase unemployment compensation from $16 for 18 weeks to $25 for 26 weeks. Letters should also be written demanding passage of Senate bill 144 and house bill 417 which will make it possible to have more federal housing projects in Ohio. Write to State Senators Raymond Hildebrand and Virgil Cramer and to State Representatives Wm. Donovan, Opal Mundy, Fred Hunt, Ben. F. Reading and Chester Early, State House Columbus, Ohio.

If we are to build the PAC to the point where our support will determine whether or not a candidate is elected, we must bring our membership up to 25,000 members this year. Every CIO shop now has its initial allocation of 1945 membership tickets.

Under the capable direction of Walter Darowski, the drive at the Willys-Overland is in the lead with over 1,500 memberships sold thus far. This figure will no doubt be multiplied many times.

The main issue before the PAC right now is the repeal of the Proportional Representation system of electing city councilmen and the establishment of a simple method of balloting.

Petitions on PR repeal have been slightly delayed to check legal technicallities but are now in the printers hands.

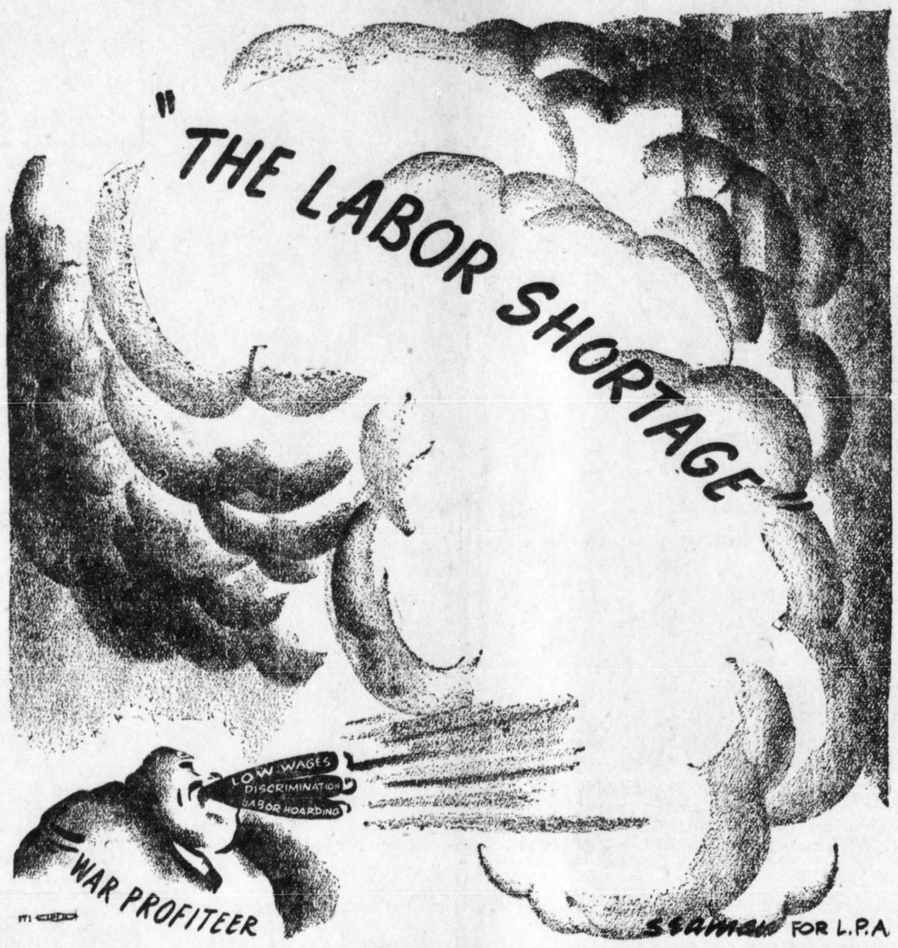
Membership in PAC is only one dollar per year. This includes membership in the National, State and County PAC as well as membership in your own neighborhood Ward or Township Club.

Join now and help promote social legislation. If you already belong explain to your friends why they should also join.

JOINT MEETING

In keeping with the suggestion made by Ollie Pecord to the North Toledo Civic Association for a joint meeting, we are now making tentative plans for such a get-together and will make arrangements with the North Toledo group as soon as the petitions are ready for the PR repeal referendum.

"Where There's Smoke...."



It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

ONCE UPON A TIME

Like all fairy tales this one begins with once upon a time, only in the particular instance about which this is written, the tables are reversed. Instead of living happily ever after, this story ends upon a more dismal note.

To begin at the beginning, it is a fact that at no time has this column ever written anything that might be called "red baiting." On the other hand, it is no secret that this department distrusts the people who are known as Communists because of their uncertain principles and the fact that they have turned their back on practically everything for which they formerly stood.

We can appreciate the fact that consistency is not a mark of greatness. On the other hand, there are some principles for which labor stands which can never be changed so long as it operates under the present economic system.

My particular gripe is the stand taken by the Commies, or rather, their lack of a stand upon the President's proposal that a peacetime conscription law be enacted to regiment our youth and train them in the bloody arts of waging war.

Instead of raising their voices in violent protest against conscription, the Comrades have chosen to either sit back in silence, or, in a few cases actually gone along with the President's proposal.

TRADITIONAL STAND

This is contrary to the stand of labor on conscription during all the years that there has been an organized labor movement. It is contrary to the stand taken by the Communists until Russia was attacked by Germany and in opposition to the teachings of the founders of the Communist movement. Obviously, the Communists are not Communists any more.

How any labor leader or enlightened member of the labor movement can stand silently by and allow a peacetime conscription law to be written passes all understanding, yet, it is a fact that the Communists are not only standing by, but that when the unions take a stand and express their opposition to the proposed law, they will actually fight to kill this opposition.

Perhaps, as is suggested by the guest editorial printed elsewhere on this page, the Communists will find themselves engaged in a battle in the unions which will lead to their undoing. Let us hope so. But at any rate, they are doing everything in their power to aid the President in securing his wishes.

THE FIGHT

It seems to me that in the face of the complete reversal of everything for which the Communists ever stood, that they should be fought to a standstill by every sincere member of the labor movement. Today, there is very little to distinguish the Comrades from management except perhaps that they are more reactionary.

Today, the leaders of the Communist movement, if it may be honored by calling it a movement, have turned their back on everything for which they formerly crusaded and have become a definite menace to the future of labor in this country.

Incentives, job evaluation, profits for the employers, wage concessions on the part of labor and many other things now advocated by the Communistic leadership are such a radical departure from their former role that it seems a difficult matter to understand how any group of people could have undergone such a complete change.

Indeed, this ability of the Communists to make quick changes of policy upon important questions and completely reverse a position for which they formerly carried the torch has made them ridiculous and a stench in the nostrils of the labor movement.

Despite the ill repute of the Communists in the labor movement today, you will still find them up at the front raising their loud voices and hypocritically pleading for a cause which you feel certain they would be willing to abandon within the next few minutes if their leadership so ordered them, or the state of the Russian government demanded a complete reversal.

TIME TO ACT

Today, the position taken by the Communists, not only with respect to peacetime conscription, but upon many other vital questions, demands that they be examined in their true light regarding their position upon union principles where you find them, now here, now there, and never anywhere for long.

In the light of their performance in the past few years, the Communists are a distinct threat to the labor movement. They have gone from radicalism to reaction, from revolution to conservatism, from Marxism to Stalinism, and the truth is, that were conditions to change, it would not be surprising to see them again try to revert back to their original position.

The question of peacetime conscription is one on which the Communists can be nailed down. You can bet your last dime that they will advocate its adoption.

Editor's Mail

Traction Problem

Dear Sir:

It's about time someone called the bluff of the Community Traction Company with that phrase their inspectors use "There is a war on."

Who ever is responsible for the dispatching of busses either belongs to the Gay Nineties or his hands are tied.

The crosstown busses which transport employees of the Auto-Lite, Overland, Doehler Die Casting Company and others would make a beautiful story for a wide awake newspaper man; if he would stand at Galena and Summit Sts. between 6:30 A. M. and 7:30 A. M. and see the relics they send out for War employees; that is, providing the relics are coming at all. Then at 4:30 P. M. have him witness the brawl in front of the Overland where I have seen several fist fights, with four hundred people trying to climb on one old relics which finally arrives at 5:00 P. M. Have him hear a couple old women scream in the crush. This calls for a squawk—now for a solution:

(1) Change the dispatcher to a war-minded person. One to keep the wheels turning in defense plants instead of favoritism to down-town merchants.

(2) To use some of the better busses in the A. M. between 6 and 8 and the P. M. from 4 to 6; such as the Ottawa Hills and Old Orchard lines enjoy.

(3) Make the Community Traction Company responsible for anyone hurt in these brawls to get on a bus; as it is very simple to put up iron railings to keep the line straight and orderly.

At one time I was a gentleman and would stand back as I don't like to hurt nayone in a crush but being the type that can push and crush myself I soon found out that if I did not get on that relic I would be, "The Forgotten Man."

Send a man to the Ford Motor River Rouge Plant, see how it's done!

Yours for modern transportation. Let's get Toledo out of the 20's; into the 40's.

Melvin Dunlap,
W.-O. Unit.

Servicemen's Letters

Keeps Promise

U. S. S. Pitt A. P. O. 223
c/o Fleet P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gosser:

Your greetings were received and before I get too far may I say this; there have been many boxes of the W.-O. I have received and also enjoy reading the papers and many other reading material they send. Seems that all of you are doing a swell piece of work back there and as you and many others say, all of us boys who are over on our way across wishes to be home. Those shells, jeeps and all the aircraft material you are producing are to your mind and every American freedom.

I promised to do my part in this fight which I have tried hard to carry out and I shall continue to do whatever there is for me to do and I wish you and all others the grandest happiness and continue to think of the men who have left their hearts to go out and fight for the freedom of their country. Good day.

Yours truly,
Robert Lee Coe St 3/c

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

Local 5, UAW-CIO, located in South Bend, Indiana, is working on a project that goes to the root of one of the toughest problems of our time.

The Local 5 Educational Committee has worked out a program of joint farmer-labor discussion groups in cooperation with the St. Joseph County section of the Indiana Farm Bureau. Out of these meetings comes realistic understanding, on the part of both workers and farmers, of methods by which they can work together toward common ends.

This program did not drop down out of the clear blue sky. It came about because several serious-minded workers in Local 5 learned for themselves a few years back that labor cannot solve all its problems by bargaining with the boss across the conference table.

These unionists learned, for one thing, that a wage increase can be meaningless if it is followed by a corresponding increase in the cost of living.

CO-OP ORGANIZED

To make their wages go farther, the Local 5 boys got busy and organized a Consumers Cooperative food store. Through this co-op they saved for themselves that amount of their wages which would ordinarily go to pay big salaries to fat executives if they bought from A & P or Kroger.

The next step was to affiliate their local co-op with the Central States Cooperative Wholesale in Chicago. At the wholesale level more fat salaries, profits and dividends which usually got to the big boys on top, were eliminated.

Buying in big lots enabled the wholesale to make savings which were passed on down through the local co-op food store to the workers who owned it.

Thus, through ownership of a food store and part ownership of a wholesale, Local 5 workers were able to exert some control over the cost of living.

THE NEXT STEP

In studying the cooperative idea, the Local 5 group found out that there was another type of co-op, commonly known as a credit union, through which they could make another cut in the cost of living.

So they organized a credit union to service the credit needs of the people in their plant. This credit union co-op, which is simply a banking system controlled democratically by the creditors and debtors, took in the deposits of those workers who had money to save and then loaned the money out to those who were suddenly in need of a little extra cash.

Two things were unique about this credit union. For one thing, it only charged 1 per cent on the unpaid balance of the money loaned. Then the earnings accrued by this charging of interest for loans was paid back in the form of dividends to those who had originally deposited their money in the pool.

The low rate of interest and the return of the dividends both acted to reduce the cost of living.

SALES OF FUEL

Then the Local 5 co-op decided to sell coal to its people. But at first they could not find a wholesale coal dealer who would sell to them. Finally they discovered that the farmers in the adjacent rural areas also had a cooperative organization, which did sell coal.

An arrangement was worked out through which the Local 5 co-op bought its coal from the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, and that was the beginning of farmer-labor cooperation in South Bend.

Now, under the joint sponsorship of the educational committees of Local 5 and the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau, small groups of workers and farmers meet regularly to discuss common problems.

This is grass-roots democracy in action.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

Last week I discussed the new unemployment compensation law now before the Ohio legislature which would increase the unemployment benefits from $16 per week for 18 weeks to $25 per week for 26 weeks.

This week, I am going to discuss the same question, but from a different view.

We have seen how the War Labor Board with the backing of War Mobilization Chief James Byrnes has told labor it need expect nothing further in the way of wage increases. At the same time, we know that profits are still holding up at the highest point and everybody is profiting from the war except the workers.

We also know that regardless what the government says about manpower shortages and a crying need for additional materials of war that the battle in Europe cannot last much longer. We believe the end of the war is closer than anybody in a responsible job in Washington wants to admit.

We believe that the war in Europe will end suddenly and that immediately thousands of American workers will be thrown out of work due to governmental cancellation of contracts and cutbacks.

These people who will be unemployed, and the time may be sooner than any of us believe, will be on the receiving end of unemployment compensation.

IT'S A RAISE

It looks to me like those who realize they will be unemployed during some or all of the reconversion period, know that they will have a hard time getting by on $16 weekly after they have been earning three, four or even five times that much.

It seems to me that the people who are going to be unemployed would be interested enough in their own welfare to recognize that they could get by a lot better on $25 each week than they could on $16. This is an actual increase of nine dollars weekly and for eight more weeks than the present unemployment compensation law provides.

The unions can do some things, but they can't do everything. Gaining an increase in unemployment compensation is one of the things with which every worker in the state of Ohio must help. They must cooperate with their leaders and their unions by writing letters to their state representatives and senators asking them to vote for the bills which will give them this raise.

Here is a case which no little steel formula governs. Here is the case where the workers can actually do more good for themselves by presenting the case individually to their state representatives, than their union representatives can accomplish.

Get ready to write a card or letter. Help yourself by writing and help your union help you get more money.

Editor's note: Due to illness, Mr. Schultz was unable to write his column this week. It will be found again in the usual place following his recovery.

GUEST EDITORIAL

From The Progressive

UAW Takes The Lead

The United Automobile Workers, CIO, the largest and one of the most progressive labor organizations in the world, has taken the lead in the CIO family in the fight against compulsory peacetime military conscroption. At the recent meeting of its International Executive Board, the UAW voted to campaign actively against the adoption of peacetime conscription "between now and the return of our fighting men and women."

The activating resolution called the conscription bills "un-American and undemocratic and a direct contradiction of our tradition of freedom;" demanded that action be withheld until our servicemen have a chance to be heard on it, and said that conscription has for its purpose the regimentation of "our youth on a mass basis for use as a military strike-breaking, union-busting force."

By taking this strong position the UAW served notice on the Communists in the union movement that on this question of conscription, the Auto Workers are prepared to fight them just as they have fought them on other issues in the past. It is the Communists who have discarded one of the labor movement's most powerful traditions — antimilitarism — and are now leading the drive for conscription.

Recently the State Council of the Wisconsin CIO, dominated by Communists, came out for conscription. Its action brought a demand from Racine Labor, one of the two most prominent labor papers in the state, that the Communists be cleaned out of the labor movement in Wisconsin.

The impending fight on conscription may have healthy results within the CIO. The American worker, patient and tolerant though he has been toward Communist activity within his unions, may call a halt when an effort is made to foist upon him a system that is foreign to all the traditions and best interests of the labor movement.

Help Yourself

Members of the CIO have been generous in meeting the demands made upon them by various worthy agencies for the public welfare.

When the Community War Chest asks for money, we respond. We have given generously to the Red Cross, the March of Dimes, the Old Newsboys and other good causes. Now it's time for us to help ourselves.

Every CIO member in Toledo can do himself a lot of good, if, when advised to do so he will write his state representatives and senators asking them to vote for the new unemployment compensation bill which will increase the unemployment benefit from $16 to $25 weekly, and increase the time that such benefits can be received from 18 to 26 weeks.

This increase can be obtained if the workers of Ohio make up their minds to go after it. We must not sit back and think that the other fellow will get it for us. Now is the time to act in your own behalf. Now is the time to do something for yourself.

"Sweet and Low-Down" Fills Screen With Joy and Jive!

Get hep to a hit!

20th Century-Fox's gay new musical, "Sweet And Low-Down," starring Benny Goodman and his band, Linda Darnell, Lynn Bari and Jack Oakie, now showing at the Paramount Theatre, flooding the screen with joy, jive and sweet romance that makes for top entertainment from start to finish.

Telling the story of the boys in the band and the girls who swing to the beat of their rhythm and their hearts, "Sweet And Low-Down" is a perfect "natural" of a musical that blends its stand-out tuneful diversion with a refreshing and romantic story in a smooth and joyful manner. The King of Swing and his boys run the gamut from barrelhouse blues to Mozart against a background of high romance involving Linda Darnell and James Cardwell, with Lynn Bari completing the inevitable triangle.

In the film, Miss Darnell plays the role of a Park Avenue debutante who is addicted to swing. When Benny Gooodman introduces her to his new trombone protege, James Cardwell, her appreciation of jive begins to extend far beyond "hot breaks" and such. Meanwhile, spurred on by Lynn Bari, the band's vocalist, Cardwell, whose rise from a comparative unknown to too-sudden success has gone to his head, decides to "take off" with a band of his own. What happens from there on makes one of the most exciting and heartwarmingly human stories of the year.

For Benny Goodman fans, "Sweet And Low-Down" presents a gala swingtime holiday. Mack Gordon and James Monaco have written four new stand-out song hits bound for top of the hit parade listing: "I'm Making Believe," "Ten Days With Baby," "Chug, Chug, Choo-Choo, Chug" (the year's catchiest tune) and "Hey Bub-Let's Have A Ball." To say that Benny and his boys do full justice to these numbers is rank understatement. In addition, the maestro and his band "give out" with a number of lod favorites spotlighting the famous Goodman Quartet. All this, and Benny playing Mozart, too, in a way that will draw hearty "bravos" from the symphonic set.

Both Linda Darnell and Lynn Bari play their respective roles with a richness of characterization that adds much to the story, while James Cardwell comes through with a performance that bodes well for his film future. A special orchid goes to Jack Oakie whose seasoned and delightful performance reafirms his position at the top of the screen's comedians.

Archie Mayo has directed "Sweet And Low-Down" with his usual deft touch, while William Le Baron has given it a stand-out production. The screen play for the film was written by Richard English.

Be sure to see it!

Constance Collier Returns In "Kitty"

HOLLYWOOD, March 2. — Constance Collier, a grande dame of the American and English theatre, makes a slap-stick return to pictures after a four-year absence from the screen.

She made her re-entry as a besotted English dowager in Paramount's "Kitty," with Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland; made it lying in a tumbled, curtained bed, fighting off imagined pink elephants, and pulling the curtains down upon her. She's definitely a comedy character.

"This is for me," she said, falling easily into the vernacular of the time. "This is going to be fun. It's the only type of role that could pull me back to work. When Mitch Leisen (he's the director) saw me in the east on his recent trip I told him I wouldn't think of returning to films if he planned to cast me as a sedate, grandmotherly English lady. He assured me to the contrary. So here I am. Let's have a drink. I have some tea on in my dressing room."

For the past four years Miss Collier has been living on a 72-acre farm, owned by a friend, near Nyack, New York. The friends is Paulette Goddard. They talked about crops between scenes of "Kitty."

"Duffy's" Crowded For Boudoir Scene

HOLLYWOOD — The word spread quickly across the Paramount lot that Paulette Goddard was going to do her boudoir number in "Duffy's Tavern" on Stage Nine.

When the star made her appearance on the set in a diaphanous black negligee which made the most of la Goddard's best points the place was packed. It seemed as if half of the male population of the studio had managed to find pressing business to attend to on Stage Nine.

Paulette, shivering slightly in a morning draft, took one look at the sea of expectant masculine faces.

"My, my!" she exclaimed to Director Hal Walker, "We've got a packed house today."

"Yeah," grinned Walker, "but it's all paper trade—not a cash customer in the lot."

Cigaret Shortage On "Lost Weekend"

HOLLYWOOD. — The movie makers are feeling the pinch of the cigaret shortage, too.

Studio stocks of all brands have gotten so low that when the script calls for large numbers of players to be shown smoking it is necessary to ration the cigarettes carefully. And even to resort to substitutes for the real tobacco smoke.

One of the scenes in Paramount's "The Lost Weekend" with Ray Milland takes place in a smokefilled cocktail bar. (The time is 1938 when you could buy 'em two packs at a time). Six months ago this would have been no problem. The prop man simply would have scattered packages of cigarets about the tables and told everybody to go to it.

This time he started off by lugging a smoke pot with burning charcoal across the set to create a reasonable facsimile of a cigaret haze. Then he doled out one cigaret apiece to the fifty couples working in the scene and told them to light up.

"But don't puff too hard," warned Director Billy Wilder. "And save the butts. We may have to do this scene over."

Rare Material For Star's Dance Frock

HOLLYWOOD—For one of Lucille Bremer's dance dresses in "Yolanda and The Thief,' the Technicolor fantasy starring Fred Astaire, Iren, Hollywood designer, used all of the material available for it on the North American continent!

To achieve an airy, floating effect the dress was made of the most fragile material known—French manufactured souffle. Fifty yards of the gossamer-like cloth was used, representing the entire obtainable stock in the United States and Canada!

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

"Gee-Eye Full"

Scarcely dried off from her national swimming championship, Esther Williams has a star contract with M-G-M, a huge fan following, the lead in "Thrill Of A Romance," and Van Johnson for a co-star. Who could ask for anything more?

All This And Culture Too?

June Allyson takes time out to catch up on her reading during the filming of her latest musical, "Music For Millions." She is both well-read and beautiful—and that's something for the books.

Barrymore Has Hair Curled For Film Role!

HOLLYWOOD (Special) — Lionel Barrymore sat in his portable dressing room on the set of "Valley of Decision," submitting to the ministrations of a woman hairdresser, and her electric curling iron. It was a new experience for both. The veteran stage and screen star had never before had his hair curled, as his role of an irascible Irishman demanded. The hairdresser had coiffed stars from Lillian Gish to Greer Garson, but never before had been called on to marcel a man's thatch.

Each time she reached for the hot iron Barrymore opened his mouth to yell "Ouch!" But he never got to yell. The hairdresser was much too skillful with her iron for that.

Mutual Music Lovers

"She hasn't singed my hide yet," Barrymore commented to Greer Garson, who dropped in, attired in an old-fashioned but charming costume, to watch the star's ordeal. "She won't," reassured Miss Garson. "She's curled my hair dozens of times, so I know."

Miss Garson inquired if the portable phonograph playing in her dressing room disturbed the dean of the Barrymores.

"No!" I love music!" beamed Barrymore, which forthwith started a conversation about music.

"I like your English composer Delius a lot," offered Barrymore. "Do you know any of the modern English composers?"

Miss Garson said she did. But, she added, she also admired Shostakovich, Prokofieff and Tschaikowsky.

"But to get back to this hair curling ordeal," said Barrymore, "the only actor I remember who had his hair curled was James K. Hackett. He wore it curly or one play, in which he played a knight. But in his case it was curled on a wig."

Kids Don't Believe Own Eyes

Several small boys and a number of interested passersby in Broom Road, Teddington, stared openly as a heavy, jewelled and bemedalled man in an ostentatious uniform (one which the cartoonists have been drawing with malicious joy for some years) walked rather too quickly for his bulk along the quiet Teddington sidewalk one morning. He was on his way to early lunch accompanied by another uniformed figure, with highly polished riding boots and sinister convex rimless glasses shadowing his steely eyes.

One small boy, quick to recognize these world-famous figures commented contemptuously: "That's Goering and the other one's Himmler." Another added reflectively: "Smashing, ain't they?"

The two despised German officials causing so much comment were in real life Louis de Wohl and Maurice Bryson dressed up for their roles in "Mr. Emmanuel," the G. C. F. production now playing at the Esquire Theatre through United Artists release.

"MR. EMMANUEL"

Felix Aylmer and Peter Mullin share many poignant scenes in the startling film 'Mr. Emmanuel' now playing at the Esquire Theatre through United Artists release.

Born into the Hungarian nobility, de Wohl had on many occasions, prior to the outbreak of the present war, the opportunity to study Goering at close quarters as a social equal at many social functions. Goering appealed to de Wohl as an interesting psychological study, and he therefore took the closest interest in his movements, never once dreaming that later he would put that experience to great advantage in representing Goering in a film.

Maurice Bryson played Himmler, the sadistic Gestapo chief. His one experience as Himmler, whom he resembles so amazingly, has no glamour for him. "Just another experiment,' he said, "but I'll stick to gardening."

Sharing stellar honors in the film are Felix Aylmer in the title role, Greta Gynt as the glamorous Elsie Silver, night-club enchantress, and Walter Rilla as the dashing young Party Leader madly in love with her.

GLOBE-TROTTING STAR

Dorothy Lamour, currently starring in "Masquerade in Mexico," has the most movie travel miles to her credit of any Hollywood feminine star. Her cinematic travels, especially in the popular "Road" pictures with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, have taken her all over the globe.

THE OLD COLLEGE TRY

While Barton MacLane, now appearing in Pine-Thomas' "Scared Stiff," was a football hero at Wesleyan University, he ran 100 yards for a touchdown against the Massachusetts Aggies.

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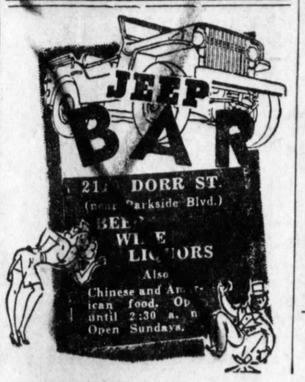

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The Same Old Run-Around

By Ben Dor

All over the country, there are millions of men and women—people just like you and me, who are being stabilized. Their wages are being stabilized and the prices they pay are being stabilized.

But one of the surprising things about this stabilizing is that it doesn't mean the same thing for wages that it means for prices. For wages, it means fixing them so that even the War Labor Board has trouble when it wants to raise them, which isn't often. For prices, stabilizing means letting them go up, piling profits on profits, every time some pressure group can find some new, complicated-sounding reason for pushing them up.

And these millions of men and women are beginning to catch on that what this stabilizing adds up to is—the old run-around.

STABILIZING WORKERS

That's what the steel workers have been getting since they first asked for a 17c per hour increase over a year ago. They have finally gotten a WLB directive ordering adjustments which will cost the steel industry about 7c per hour when they are put into effect. That much un-stabilizing, it seems, the economy could stand. However, even before it puts these adjustments into effect, the steel industry has already been given PRICE increases which will bring in about $6 million more than the wage adjustments will cost—and the steel industry was already making more than 4 times its prewar profits.

The textile workers have been getting the same kind of stabilizing, and they're even worse off than the steel workers. They asked for a raise of 10c for workers getting 50c per hour. The WLB finally decided that the stabilization program could stand a 5c per hour increase, but no more. But even this raise has not yet been put into effect, because the industry would demand a price increase. It would get it even though it is already making twelve times its prewar profits.

(I know that this list isn't complete, but let these examples stand for all the rest of you who are getting the same kind of stabilizing, so that we can get on with the story).

The workers who are getting this kind of stabilizing are paying for it now. But very soon the whole country will pay the price for it. For sometime soon the fascist axis is going to break apart, right in the middle. When that happy day comes, millions of men and women are going to join the thousands who are already out of work, and the cry for jobs will go up.

Many of these millions will find that, for them, there are no jobs. Because jobs depend on customers, and customers depend on money and the wage rates now being paid are going to be too low to provide the money which will be needed to support the 60 million jobs our people will have to have.

All of a sudden we're going to be faced with the fact that we lost a golden opportunity to bring prices and wages into balance while the war was on. Only by holding prices down now and bringing wages up to meet them could we avoid a new and terrific postwar depression.

STABILIZATION THAT UNSTABILIZES

The conviction that there is something wrong with that kind of stabilization is growing on a lot of people. But they still are haunted by the fear that inflation would come about if more money were to be put into circulation through wage increases.

It might be that, while we're worrying about inflation, the country is getting ready to slide down a deep deflationnary roller-coaster. But even if inflation is still a threat, why do we make the lowpaid worker the goat? Why stabilize him on less than his share of the available goods and services while the big-money family is left free to spend as much of its money as it feels willing and able to spend? Why is it wrong for the man who works in the factory to put away a few dollars while it's right for the stockholders to pile up record highs in dividends and the corporations can put away reserves such as they never dreamed of before?

THE COMING DEFLATION

But the deflation that I mentioned above really bothers me. When the government orders stop coming in, the plants are going to have to depend on the purchasing power of the people to keep them going. Most purchasing power comes from wages, and the present hourly wage rates will supply little more than two-thirds the purchasing power that will be needed to support full employment.

Outside of an occasional article in some government magazine, there is almost nothing to show that the government agencies, or Congress either, is ready to tackle the problem. Two things have to be done: get wages up and prepare the public works to provide jobs for those who can't find them in industry. Neither of these is being done. And quite soon millions of us will have to pay the price because business can't plan and government won't.

The only way I can see to attack the problem is to try to awaken the Congressmen to the dangers that lie just ahead. Perhaps they can stock the President of the United States and his executive agencies into realizing that, by doing nothing, they are betraying the faith of those who died in the war and the hopes of those who will still be alive when the war is over.

Spending Your Buck

Local 12 Research Dept.

At last some figures have been released on the joint program of OPA and WPB designed to roll back costs and increase the supply of low and medium priced clothing.

Ceiling prices have been set on some cotton garments in what OPA describes as the first step toward a contemplated roll back in clothing prices of from 6 to 7 percent.

Clothing prices which have shown more of an increase than any other item in the workers budget have long been one of labor's major problems in its fight to roll back living costs.

A 7 percent roll back while it is a step in the right direction seems inadequate, to say the least, in the face of figures compiled by the Office of Civilian Requirements WPB. These figures show the low income consumer paying 96 percent more for standard items of clothing in 1944 than in 1941.

This report, prepared but as yet unpublished, bases its findings on a survey of consumers actual expenditures for clothing. Increased costs were computed for clothing purchases of families at the same income level in 1944 as in 1941.

PHONY FIGURES

Why this report has not been published can perhaps be explained by the BLS cost of living index which registers only a 27 percent increase in clothing prices from 1941 to early 1944. War Labor Board findings are based on BLS index and labor's demands for revision of the little steel formula have been countered with phoney figures from this index which even WLB admits contains inaccuracies.

OPA says some relief in the clothing situation should become evident by early summer. However, viewing the past record of the textile companies for stalling and even outright non-compliance, it is doubtful if any real relief will be felt before fall, if then. Labor must be alert to see that ceilings are enforced and that the roll back becomes a fact. Continued pressure must be brought to bear on agencies in Washington for further roll backs.

WLB Revises Skilled Rates

CLEVELAND, Feb. 23 — Revision of the "sound and tested going rates" for tool and die makers and tool room machine operators in the Toledo, area was announced today by the Fifth Regional War Labor Board.

Adjustment of the rates, which are used by the Board as guides in considering requests of employers or workers for pay increases, followed a resurvey and reevaluation of the rates previously established by the Board on Feb. 23, 1944. The changes were made upon recommendation of the Board's "Brackets Committee" on the basis of a survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and after a hearing at which Toledo industrial and labor leaders presented their views on both rates and job classifications. More than 1,400 tool and die workers in the area were involved.

Five Jobs Rated

The Board's action resulted in establishment of rates for five distinct jobs, as compared with the former single classification of "tool and die maker" which carried a single rate of $1.30 an hour or a range of $1.20-$1.40.

Classification	Single Rate	Range
Tool Making Technician	$1.65	$1.55-1.75
Tool and Die Maker, Class A	1.475	1.40-1.55
Tool and Die Maker, Class B	1.35	1.25-1.45
Tool Room Machine Operator, Class A	1.35	1.25-145
Tool Room Machine Operator, Class B	1.175	1.10-1.25

Chairman Frederick H. Bullen of the Fifth Regional Board emphasized that establishment of such rates does not give employers permission to take automatic increases and does not imply that the Board will give automatic approval to applications of employers to raise their rates to these levels. In any event, they are normally the maximum rates which the Board will approve.

The guide rates are used by the Board as a yardstick in determining whether "gross inequities" exist in rates of a company as compared with rates of other companies in the same industry and labor market.

Union Shop Stewards Given Preferential Seniority by WLB

WASHINGTON (LPA) Feb. 17—Preferential seniority for union representatives was ruled last week by the Natl. War Labor Board in a decision that opens up new avenues for keeping union organizations in war plants during the postwar period.

The WLB ruling, which found industry members dissenting, was handed down in a case involving the Karecki Machine & Tool Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

UAW Announces 1945 International Assessment

February First, 1945

TO ALL LOCAL UNION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AIRCRAFT & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA—CIO.

Greetings:

Re: 1945 International Assessment

You are hereby advised that the International Executive Board, in January, 1945, acting under authority vested in it by Article 12, Section 15 of the International Constitution, levied an assessment of $1.00 on the membership of all local unions affiliated with the International Union, UAW-CIO.

The following rules and regulations regarding the collection of the assessment were unanimously adopted and your local union is asked to conform to them in all respects:

1. The assessment shall be collected by all affiliated local unions where collective bargaining has been established either through contracts or NLRB elections.

2. An assessment of $1.00 shall be levied on all members on the books of all local unions affiliated with the International Union as of January 31, 1945, in accordance with point number one.

3. The assessment shall be due and payable on April 1, 1945, and any member not having paid the same within the time required by his local union (which in no case shall be later than May 31, 1945) shall be subjected to automatic suspension or to the suspension of certain rights of membership, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16, Sections 3, 7 and 15 of the International Constitution.

4. The usual penalties and/or fines imposed upon suspended members by the International Constitution or local union by-laws for failure to pay the assessment shall be mandatory. In the event the local union has no by-laws governing due's limitation, any member who has not paid the assessment before June 1, 1945 shall be subjected to automatic suspension or to the suspension of certain rights of membership, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16, Section 3, 7 and 15 of the International Constitution.

On and after April 1, 1945, the assessment must be paid before the issuance of the April, 1945 due's receipt.

6. In the case of local unions where dues but not assessments are checked off, the provisions of Article 16, Section 15 of the International Constitution shall apply.

8. If for any reason a local union desires to be exonerated from the payment of this assessment, it must make application for such exoneration to the International Executive Board prior to June 1, 1945, in pursuance of the provisions of Article 12, Section 16 of the International Constitution.

After very serious consideration the International Executive Board has found it necessary to levy this assessment in order that the proper servicing job may be rendered to the affiliates of the Union and its membership.

As a result of the war situation and the many restrictive measures confronting us, it is only natural that local unions demand and expect added service. Unforunately, this added service has increased the cost of operations in every respect and it must be remembered that the International Union is endeavoring to live on an income based upon a low standard established back in 1935 when material, supplies, and wages, were far less than they are today; hence, the Board has found it necessary to levy this assessment to meet these contingencies, as well as endeavor to build a fund to take care of the Union and its members during the period of unemployment which is inevitable unless governmental agencies plan now for the post-war period.

We call upon all officers, stewards, and committeemen to expedite the collection of this assessment by pointing out the added needs of the Union.

It is the writer's hope that one day in the near future our delegates attending conventions will recognize the need for a revision in our whole financial structure in order that we might avoid the necessity of assessing our membership for additional funds.

Looking forward to your wholehearted support and cooperation, we remain

George F. Addes
International Secretary Treasurer

By Order: International Executive Board.

New Anti-Labor Law Asked In Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 — (LPA)—A bill which would outlaw the much-attacked "make work" provisions in some union contracts has been introduced into Congress by Rep. Mike Monroney (D. Okla).

While Monroney indicates his bill is aimed at James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians-AFL, it would amend the anti-trust laws to allow prosecution of any union or union officers who attempted to induce an employer to pay compensation to any workers "when such person is in fact in excess of the number of persons reasonable required to perform the work in which the employer is engaged."

Unions would be liable to prosecution, if the Monroney bill passes, if their officers tried to enter into a contract with the employer to hire members of another union than the recognized collective bargaining agent—an action charged to Petrillo in his current controversy with the radio stations.

Monroney's bill would also prohibit "unreasonable restrictions" on the use of materials, machines, or equipment, provided that the workers wages and working conditions are safeguarded, and provided that they are not part of a plan to ease the shock of technological unemployment.

Combinations of unions and employers to monopolize any part of trade also would be outlawed.

Labor Day Will Be Red Cross Day

LOS ANGELES (LPA)—Operations of the Red Cross throughout the world on Labor Day, Sept. 3, will be paid for by members of the Los Angeles AFL. AFL members have agreed to give six hours pay "and a goal of 1½ days or 129,000 seconds, at $6 a second, which amounts to $777,600," according to the "Los Angeles Citizen", AFL weekly.

Gives 12,000 Reasons Against Labor Draft

SCRANTON, Pa., (LPA)—Workers here can show you 12,000 reasons why the nation doesn't need a labor draft. And Sen. Elbert Thomas of the Military Affairs Committee learn about them last week from the editor of the 'Scranton Tribune'.

The 12,000 reasons are the workers still looking for jobs in this community, despite "repeated and persistent efforts to locate facilities here to utilize this manpower in needed war production."

Detroit Plant Stops Shell Production

WASHINGTON, February 28 (LPA(—If U. S. fighting men in Germany, Italy and the Pacific need 75 mm shells it won't be the fault of the United Auto Workers-CIO.

In Detroit the Dodge Forge plant could be making 20,400 of the 75 mm shells a day using only idle equipment and available men, but no shells are being made.

The story was told last week by a UAW official, F. F. Johnson, president of the Dodge Forge unit, UAW local 889. Johnson declared that one of the reasons the company has given for discontinuing shell production is that it "was not making any particular profit."

On Jan. 15, while Congress was considering work-or-fight legislation as a solution to imaginary manpower shortages, the Dodge Forge plant had 251 employes, approximately 50% of a full working force. Just 15 days before, on Dec. 30, the plant laid off 200 workers. But there is now "an unused capacity for making 20,400 75 mm shells a day," according to Johnson.

"The dies are still in the plant," he pointed out. "Only two reasons were given for discontinuing the shell jobs: (a) that in plants exactly suited to shell work 100-an-hour could be made, and (b) the company was not making any particular profit on the shall job."

Johnson charged in conclusion that "While equipment for making 20,400 75 mm shells a day stands idle the government has authorized the L. A. Young to spend $500,000 to duplicate this equipment at their plant and engage in making shells. Similar amounts have been authorized for three other companies in the Detroit area."

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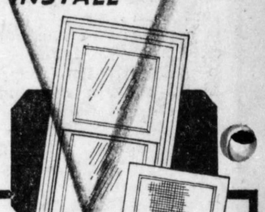

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Florida Legislature Spreads Anti-Labor Scheme

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (LPA)—A new technique in spreading state anti-labor laws has been developed in Florida.

A member of the Florida House of Representatives is flooding legislatures of other states with personal letters calling attention to Florida's recently enacted "right to work" law.

Purpose of the letters, which quote the Florida law in detail, is to influence passage of similar legislation in other states.

Every member of the Maryland legislature received one of the letters signed by Florida State Rep. Joseph C. Jenkins and written on the official stationery of the Florida House of Representatives. Members of the Arizona legislature received the same letter.

Letter Not Requested

No member of the Maryland legislature asked Jenkins for the letter or a copy of the Florida law, it was ascertained by Maryland labor leaders. Because of the simultaneous appearance of the Jenkins letter in Maryland and Arizona, union groups suspect that it is part of a nationwide anti-labor campaign backed by the socalled "Christian Association."

Whether the "Christian American Association" paid for the mailing of all the Jenkins letters or whether the state of Florida footed the bill is a question organized labor in Florida and other states would like explained.

The Jenkins letter was received by the Maryland and Arizona lawmakers while they were considering union-busting bills. The proposed Maryland law is the worst of its kind in U. S. history, according to Labor Department officials. It would outlaw the closed shop, make arbitration of labor disputes compulsory and prohibit secondary boycotts and picketing by anyone other than the strikers themselves. The law "would practically put unions out of business," according to R. J. Buxbaum, Maryland AFL president.

Represents Sweatshop Employees

The "Christian American Association," for which Jenkins is an unofficial spokesman, represents the worst of the South's sweatshop employers and anti-union industrialists. It boasts of anti-labor lobbies in many Southern states.

The Florida law, opposed by all branches of organized labor, is now before the U. S. Supreme Court for a determination of its constitutionality.

The "Christian American" campaign received a major setback last week when the lower house of the Georgia legislature voted unanimous consent to withdrawal of the same sort of "freedom to work" bill that was passed in Florida.

Unions suffered a serious setback in South Dakota, however, when the state legislature last week adopted, and Gov. M. Q. Sharpe signed, a bill outlawing the union shop. Anti-labor bills of this sort are also pending in Texas, Tennessee, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and other states.

A LIGHT IN THE NIGHT

Textile Workers Drop Strike Pledge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (LPA)—Members of the Textile Workers Union of America—CIO—working in cotton textile mills were released from their no-strike pledge last week by vote of the union's executive board, meeting in New York. Withdrawal of CIO members from the War Labor Board was also asked by the union, at the same time TWUA President Emil Rieve sent in his resignation as an alternate member.

Basis of the TWUA dissatisfaction with government wage controls was their knowledge of the enormous profits being made by mill owners, whose lobbyists in Washington have so far been successful in blocking any pay raises for textile workers.

While the WLB last week finally handed down a decision in the textile workers case, no actual money settlement can be made until it is approved by Economic Stabilizer Vinson.

Writes To FDR

In a letter to President Roosevelt submitting his resignation, Rieve declared that "events of the last six months... have left me with only a shadow of a hope that the National War Labor Board can continue to be an effective instrument for realizing its original purposes."

"In my opinion the WLB has become little more than a hollow echo of the opinions and authority of other federal agents and agencies," he said.

The textile workers board quoted OPA administrator Chester Bowles as saying that cotton textile profits were $378,000,000 in 1942, and in 1944, when the manufacturers were resisting to the utmost even a modest wage increase for workers, they were making profits at the rate of $365,000,009 a year. This contrasts, the union pointed out, with Bowles' statement that from 1936 to 1939, the average annual earnings were $28,000,000 for the entire cotton textile industry. "In the light of these shocking facts," the union resolution said, "the principle of equality of sacrifice is a mockery."

Profits Up 700%

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The nation's meat packing industry is opposed to union demands for decent wage scales, but its profits are greater than ever before, it was learned here last week. An independent party showed that during the 1936-39 period, which OPA uses as a legal base period for profit comparisons, the eight largest companies in the field showed profits amounting to $22,382,000. Since the base period, sales of packinghouse products have a little more than doubled.

Soldier Heroe's Young Daughter Aided By Union

DETROIT, Feb. 28 — Two-year-old Diana Wigle, daughter of a Detroit soldier-hero, is to be presented with a $500 War Bond by Packard Local 190, UAW-CIO, Ted Pankowski educational director of the union, has announced.

Lieut. Thomas Wilfred Wigle, her father, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor at ceremonies in Detroit recently, was a member of Local 190 and was working at Packard's at the time he entered the armed forces.

"Lieut. Wigle's fellow workers and fellow union members share with his family their grief at his loss," Pankowski said. "We share, also, their pride in the courage, the devotion to duty and spirit of sacrifice for which he has been awarded the Nation's highest honor. These same traits of character made him a respected worker and union member and a fine artist. In his memory we want to give his daughter this bond to help insure the fine education he would want her to have."

The bond is made out jointly to Diana and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Henry Wigle, and will be delivered to them immediately, Pankowski said.

Typos to Organize Federal Mimeograph Workers

WASHINGTON, March 1—(LPA)—The nation's oldest labor organization, the Columbia Typographical Union of Washington, is planning an all-out campaign to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the U. S. Govt. covering thousands of union members employed as printers and typesetters.

In one year the Typographical Union obtained basic wage increases amounting to more than $800,000 a year. The typos now plan to improve wage and working conditions for government and other workers doing mimeograph, multigraph, multilith and varitype work.

"Success in winning this appeal," Manbeck said, "will mean that the WLB has the authority to force the government itself to set up wage scales which are in line with prevailing wage levels and industry practice." Manbeck protested against establishment of two rate ranges in War Dept. printing plants "for similar work in the same area for civilian hand compositors." The different rates, he declared, "are certainly contrary to all known stabilization policies of the WLB, and doubly so when such rate ranges are arbitrarily imposed on an industry which has had a single-rate wage policy for 130 years in this area." The U. S. Civil Service Commission now calls on the Typographical Union to supply printers for the Government Printing Office. Last month the Commission asked Manbeck for 147 printers.

Servicemen Reject Slave Labor Idea

WASHINGTON (LPA)—One of the capital dailies on Feb. 15 sent out its inquiring reporter to ask servicemen what they thought of proposals that all civilians between 18 and 45 work, fight, or get jail sentences. All of the six servicemen questioned said they didn't think such legislation would work. Several indicated that the American tradition of freedom would lead many workers to evade such a law out of "sheer cussedness," and pointed to the magnificent production records chalked up by free labor.

Mexicans Pay $80 For U. S. War Jobs

WASHINGTON, (LPA) Feb. 17—Verification of charges that Mexican officials were accepting bribes from workers sent to the U. S. to work on railroads and in agriculture was obtained this week. The Mexican Chamber of Deputies has unseated three members charged with taking part in the racket, and they must now stand trial in the courts.

Flood Congress with letters calling for confirmation of Wallace.

Avery Opened 3rd Front Says U. S. Paratrooper

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (LPA)—The United States is fighting a three-front war—the third one on the shores of Lake Michigan against Sewell Avery and Montgomery Ward.

That's the opinion of an American paratrooper now fighting in the Philippines. Evidence that soldiers in the foxholes know what the score is on the home front is proved in a letter by Stanley Gorlinski, member of the United Mail Order Warehouse & Retail Employees Union — CIO. Gorlinski's letter, printed in the union's Chicago publication, "Spotlight," was addressed to his union.

"Dear Gang:

"I heard about Uncle Sam taking over Wards again. To show you the world-wide notoriety Avery is getting, we got the news here on this island. You can imagine my jubilation. I'd show it to some of the 'Gee Eyes,' tap my chest and proudly say, 'I belong to that outfit!'

"My sister sent me that cartoon in the Daily Times by Burck. It's a masterpiece. So our Army is now fighting a three-front war. Yep, while I was making a beach head in the Philippines there was another one being made on the shore of Lake Michigan. As the patrols neared Larrabee Ave. they were greeted by loyal Local 20'ers who cheered their liberators.

"Try and hold out till us fellows come back, will you? How much longer is Sewell Avery going to hold out in his legal pill box? Anywhere else it would be called treason. Keep up the good work on the home front, gang, and we'll do our best out here."

The Union paper declared that "Our pledge to Stanley and to all Ward workers now in the armed forces of our nation is that our union will carry on this battle of the home front until complete victory over the Avery forces of reaction is finally achieved."

The paper emphasized that the union wants all former Wards workers now in the armed services "to return to their jobs at Wards with a feeling of security that they are entitled to after the many sacrifices they will have made."

Before the war, the average U. S. citizen ate 13.3 pounds of fish a year. The average Japanese got 55 pounds in a year, the Swede 52 pounds, the Englishman, 35. Neighboring Canadians ate more than twice as much as U. S. citizens — 29 pounds each on the average.

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FELLOW LEGISLATOR:

It has occurred to me that you may be interested in the "Anti-closed-shop" or "Right-to-work" Constitutional Amendment adopted by the people of Florida at the recent General Election. This amendment reads as follows:

"Section 12. No person shall be subject to be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense, nor compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken without just compensation. THE RIGHT OF PERSONS TO WORK SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED ON ACCOUNT OF MEMBERSHIP OR NON-MEMBERSHIP IN ANY LABOR UNION, OR LABOR ORGANIZATION, PROVIDED, THAT THIS CLAUSE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO DENY OR ABRIDGE THE RIGHT OF EMPLOYEES BY AND THROUGH A LABOR ORGANIZATION OR LABOR UNION TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY WITH THEIR EMPLOYER."

That part in capitals is the new addition to Section 12 of our Bill of Rights. Our fighting Attorney General, J. Tom Watson, originated the idea of out-lawing the closed shop. In cooperation with the Attorney General, I introduced this amendment in our Legislature, was the floor leader in securing its passage by the Legislature and was active in the campaign for its adoption. The amendment was adopted by a referundum vote of the people of Florida by a substantial majority in spite of a statewide campaign of vigorous opposition by closed shop union leaders who spent huge sums for newspaper and radio advertising and various means of propaganda against the amendment, whereas only a nominal amount was spent in our campaign in support of the amendment.

The adoption of a similar amendment by all States would largely eliminate the racketeers from labor unions by cutting off the exorbitant profits they are extracting from labor union members through the dictatorial closed shop practices. The general effect would be to return the control of labor unions to the members and greatly improve the labor situation, both from the standpoint of the laboring man and the public generally.

If you are interested in sponsoring a similar amendment to the Constitution of your State, I shall be delighted to furnish you further information on how we handled the matter in Florida.

Cordially yours,
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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

The midnight curfew on all places of amusement in the United States has been declared by our government. It is not clear as to the real meaning of the order or as to the direct results.

In one respect, the mode of living of the "other half" of the population will be changed considerably. They will become subjected to regular hours, sunshine, and real, natural life. A good thing for them.

"Birdie" Rule

On the other hand, those people who have been living normal lives will be indirectly forced, by the government's directive, into even better ways of living.

There's no question but that the new midnight curfew will be a great step forward for the morale and the health of our people.

Just as to how much fuel, gas, and manpower that will be saved remains to be seen. Only time and the resultant morale conditions of our youth will answer that query.

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According to some experts, the boxing game will not suffer after the war, as there will be an abundance of well trained fighters who are at present receiving their training aboard some of Uncle Sam's battlewagons.

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There is a young men of 75 years, named "Wild Bill" Casey. who claims to be king of the pinsetters. Says that he set 250 lines in 14 hours. With such a shortage of pinboys today, some of us would like to know where "Wild Bill" keeps himself on our bowling nights.

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It doesn't seem right to me on account of climatic conditions, but there will be a hockey "world series" played in San Francisco during April, between east coast and west coast teams.

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Some of our fair bowlerettes did right well for themselves in Cleveland, during the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament. Mary Pecord, wife of Ollie Pecord, managing editor of the UNION JOURNAL, bowled 515 in singles, 535 in the doubles and 517 in the team event, for an all-events total of 1567. Sophie Drew, of the Willys-Overland Unit, bowling with Mac's Hub Cafe team, together with her partner, Madge Laycock, gathered an imposing 1281 in the doubles.

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Some of the nation's sports writers have taken the wrong stand about betting on organized athletic contests. We are not trying to stop the American public from gambling—that is the duty of the nation's law enforcement bodies. We are only trying to keep the gambling element from influencing the players with pecuniary offerings.

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Six men composed a bowling team which represented Local 12 in a tournament in Detroit last Saturday night. It was discovered the next day that only one of the group had thought to bring a comb. Yes, you guessed it, he was the only bald headed one in the gang. For this reason, I DARE not mention names.

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Bob Feller, former Cleveland baseball pitcher. is stationed aboard the battleship Alabama, pride of the U. S. Third Fleet, and his friends claim that he is second in popularity only to Admiral Halsey.

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If any one of your friends says that he bought a professional football franchise, just class him as one of your rich buddies because it takes plenty of "income" to own one. It's a rich man's toy.

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Commander Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion, has the distinction of having owned two football franchises. But Gene earned a few millions in the ring and "annexed" several others in deals.

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We could take a lesson from a small suburb in Canada. Each member of the community donates a dollar a year for the promotion of sports. Almost everyone in the little town takes part in the athletic games. That must be real fun.

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Let's salute those unsung heroes of the Golden Gloves contests. Those kids know how a punch in the nose feels. but they go in the ring and fight—just for the honor.

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The Toledo Baseball Club opens the season here against Louisville on April 18. That is the anniversary of Lieut. Gen. Jimmie Doolittle's first air raid over Tokyo, which gives the date historical significance.

Under Ohio Skies

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING RECEIVED NOW FOR UNITS OF TREE AND SHRUBS FOR PRESERVATION OF SOIL-WATER AND WILDLIFE. ENOUGH TREES TO PLANT A QUARTER ACRE WILL BE SENT TO LANDOWNERS
UNITS ARE ALL PINE OR PINE, FOOD TREES AND FOOD SHRUBS.
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Bob Hines.
2-19-45

KEEP GAMBLERS AWAY!

It is up to sports executives, amateur and professional, to discourage gambling and to keep the gamblers away from the players.

Annual Local 12 Headpin Tournament Set

Toledo's First League "Kid" Team

This photo shows the first "kid" bowling team Richter's No. 2, to be enrolled in a league in Toledo. The picture was taken in 1911, when there were only three bowling alleys in the city. Those shown are; seated on floor, Ed Meyers and Walter Berg; seated on chairs, Art Kruse and Frank Kasch; standing, William Uerkvitz, and Emil Lindhorst, owner of the picture. Kruse, Uerkvitz, and Lindhorst are members of the CIO, while Kasch is a city fireman.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 6:30 P. M.		
Standard Commutator	12	Cap Wekwert
W.-O. Parts Dept.	12	Herbert Sweeney
W.-O. Landing Gear	12	Walter Kwapich
W.-O. Shell Timekeepers	12	Maurice Lang
Jack Colts (Surf. Comb.)	12	Paul McClellan
Toledo Machine & Tool	14	Frank Edge
W.-O. Alum Finish	12	W. Mroczkowski
W.-O. Aircraft	12	Wilbert Bach
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 8:30 P. M.		
W.-O. Iron Workers	12	Chalkee
W.-O. Pipefitters	12	Claude Emery
W.-O. Millwrights	12	B. Davis
W-O. Stock #1	12	Stanley Androwski
W.-O. Stock #2	12	H. T. Coates
W.-O. Tinners	12	Bud McNally
W.-O. Sprinklers	12	Gayle Herbster
W.-O. Helpers	12	Robert E. DeFelippe
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 11:00 A. M.		
Grinders (Hall Mfg.)	12	William Walters
Assemblers (Hall Mfg.)	12	Leo A. Reuss
W.-O. Crankshaft #175	12	Jim Baer
Mather Spring	12	A. Kosnikowski
National Supply Dept. #30	12	Rush Gannon
National Supply Dept. #36	12	H. Klaniecki
National Supply Dept. #38	12	R. Stroehlein
National Supply Dept. #40	12	Leo Senecal
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1:15 P. M.		
Old Dutch Beer (Tol. Mach. & Tool)	14	Len Bugaj
Acklin Stamping	12	Ollie Traskowski
Buddies Box Lunch (Auto-Lite)	12	C. Velliquette
Browne & Sharpe (Tol. Steel Prod.)	12	Louis Elias
W.-. Main Beam Aces	12	Donald C. Bennett
Maxie (Tol Steel Prod.)	12	Geo. O'Brien
W.-O.	12	
W.-O.	12	
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 3:30 P. M.		
W.-O. Willys Overland #1	12	Pete Johnson
W.-O. Willys Overland #2	12	Leo Zielinski
W.-O. Naval Hoist	12	Clyde Heuer
Dura Cardinals	16	Cteve Nowak
W.-O. Jeep Motors	12	Chester Simon
W.-O. Hotshots	12	Paul Brzoska
W.-O. Connecting Rods	12	Walter Schlapman
W.-O. Hoods	12	S M. V. Eicher
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 6:00 P. M.		
W.-O. Mail Order	12	Albert Bernstein
W.-O. Willys Overland	12	Al Ross
Bingham Stamping	12	James Czerniak
W.-O Jeepsters	12	Ed Martin
W.-O. Jeeps	12	John Meilink
W.-O. Peened Heads	12	Art Fargo
W.-O. Shortedge Distance	12	Harry Przepierski
Sprengers (Aviation Prod.)	12	James Roberts
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 8:10 P. M.		
C.I.O. Allstars (T I U C.)	12	Ed Mandy
W.-O Allstars	12	Bud Pacholski
W.-O. Deep Countersinks	12	Stanley Walker
W.-O. Hi Bucktails	12	Duke Kwiatkowski
Toledo Pipe Threading #1	12	Curtis Prange
Toledo Pipe Threading #2	12	Romy Czlapinski
W.-O. Dept. 502	12	Don Blair
Bowl-O-Drome Allstars	12	Joe Weisberg

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10th place	13.00
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16th to 25th	10.00
26th to 40th	7.50
Booby Prize	8.00

Local 12 Proposes Golf Club and Riding Academy

A request was made to the membership of Local 12 to find out how many members were in favor of forming a golf club and riding academy, with the result that many names were turned in denoting their willingness to join such an undertaking.

Officers of Local 12 are in favor of supporting such a plan for the promotion of sport and recreation and will endeavor to secure the necessary facilities in, or near, Toledo. Several locations are being considered by a committee, appointed to investigate the number of prospective members, requirements, and posposilibities of expansion.

It is virtually assured that there will be enough golfers to warrant the forming of a club but the committee is desirous of receiving more names of persons interested in the riding academy. So, if you are interested, please send your name in to THE TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, including your phone number, stating how many horses you own, if you would like to board them at the academy, or if you would care to join for the pleasure of riding horses.

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Willys-Overland Millwrights Take Handicap Lead

By Ed Mandy

Paced by W. F. Huntebrinker Jr.'s 611, the W.-O. Millwrights took over leadership in the Local 12 Handicap Tournament last week at the Bowl-O-Drome alleys. Spilling the maples for an actua 2622 total and with a team average of 789 entitles them to a 325 handicap which gave them a 2947 total of 147 plus. W. Hoffman, the enthused teamteam captain, said the team picked a good time to bowl its highest three-game total of the season.

Al Rosik's Jeep Exports hold second place with 71 plus;Louie Caster was in top form for the Jeeps, shooting the tournament's high single game, a 245 effort, and finished for a 616 total. H. Lewandowski, member of Cream of the Top quintet, holds high Individual honors with a 620 series.

The feature attraction will probably be when the Willys All-Stars and Toledo Industrial All-Stars and Toledo Industrial Union Council All-Stars roll in the 8 p. m. shift Sunday, March 4. The TIUC All-Star quintet is currently one of the hottest outfits in town, while the Willys All-Stars, the current city champs and defending Local 12 champions, will attempt to put their second leg on the Valentine trophy.

Ohio Basketball Tournament At Toledo U

Dave Connelly, director of athletics at the University of Toledo, has been appointed manager of the Ohio High School Basketball Tournament, to be held at the university field house, March 24, 1945. The tournament is an annual event to determine the basketball champions of Ohio.

After three years' effort by civic leaders and university officials, the tourney, which is the biggest athletic event each year in the state, was awarded to Toledo by the Ohio State Athletic Commission, of which the entire governing body will attend.

Officials' Organizations, Athletic Supply Stores, and the downtown coaches will aid in making the affairs a success, and will welcome and entertain the visitors.

Detroit Holds This "Pennant"

The St. Louis Browns nosed Detroit out of the 1944 American League pennant by a single game on the final day—but the Tigers hold the bunting in the "Uncle Sam" league—and have for almost two years.

With 37 Tigers on the American League's National Defense Service List, Detroit leads all clubs in contributing players to the armed services. As of Feb. 23, the league had 248 players in the armed forces, with Philadelphia close behind Detroit with 36. Other club totals: Boston 28, Chicago 33, Cleveland 27, New York 29, St. Louis 26 and Washington 32.

Detroit, which led all American League clubs with 25 players in the armed forces during World War I, has been at or near the top of the service list ever since Pearl Harbor.

A triple threat man used to be one who could pass, kick, and run with the ball, now he is one who goes to college. works in a war plant, and plays baseball —all in the same day.

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Prizes for Men and Women Large Turnout Expected

The Fourth Annual Headpin Bowling Tournament sponsored by Local 12, UAW-CIO, will be held at the Palace Bowling Alleys on March 17-18 and 24-25.

The tournament will be open to all men and women members of the CIO and their immediate families. A total of 1600 bowlers were entered in last year's tournament and Ed Mandy, bowling director, expects many more entries this year on account of the increasing poularity of Local 12 tournaments.

Leagues entering players may make reservations so that they may roll together by calling the Local 12 bowling director.

Wallace Zawodny won the championship in 1942 with an imposing 117 score, which to date has not been surpassed by anyone. In 1943 the highlight of the tournament was the tie scores of Cap Piojda of the Willy's-Overland and Joe Kardos of the Acklin Stamping Unit, at 116 pins each. Cap Piojda was crowned champion when he won the roll-off with 112 pins.

Last year, Billy Meyers of the Willys-Overland Unit was declared the winner when he won the roll-off game from Frank Cherry, also of the Willys-Overland Unit, after they tied at 115 pints pins each.

The women's championships so far have been family affairs as the first women's title was taken by Melvina Meyers, wife of the men's 1944 champion.

Last year, Irene Przybylski gathered 114 pins to lead the women. She is the sister of Cap Pidjda, who was the high man in 1943.

BOWLING— Be Properly Equipped

Look the Part

This is another of a series of bowling articles, taken from the book by Hank Marino, world famous bowler.

To get a thorough understanding of bowling, it is best to begin at its base, or foundation, and learn, step by step, the elements of the game.

Analytically, bowling has four component parts: (1) the selection of a ball that is perfectly fitted to the hand, (2) the proper stance, or the position taken preparatory to the stride to the Foul line, (3) footwork and swinging motion, and (4) delivery of the ball.

Just as a craftsman in any work must be equipped with material of the finest quality, so must a bowler be equipped with a ball that is accurately drilled to fit the hand. Thus, the first commandment of the game is to obtain a ball of perfect specifications.

The regulation grip with a three fingered ball. Note the full spread of the hand, particularly the index and the little finger. This is natural when the ball is properly fitted.

Because the ball is so vital a part of bowling, and because the slighest variation in the "pitch" or "span" (width of the grip) means the difference between a smooth delivery or one that is jerky and inconsistent, private ownership of a ball is advised.

In acquiring a ball, exercise the greatest care in determining the grip. It is best to get the help of an expert in making the selection.

Not only will an improperly fitted ball be impossible to control, but it will eventually lead to sore fingers. If the grip is too narrow, it is necessary to "pinch" the ball in the process of the swing to avoid dropping it prematurely. And, in pinching the ball, the bowler loses his stride and swinging power by concentrating on hanging onto the ball, instead of thinking only of the natural execution of the stance, stride, swing, and follow-through that blend in perfect sequence.

If the grip is too wide, it induces a friction as it is released; blisters follow that are not only painful, but usually force the bowler to give up the game from time to time.

To avoid dropping the ball, even though it is perfectly fitted, watch the condition of the hand. See that the hand is dry, always, by avoiding touching any and all liquids while bowling, and by applying a towel freely to eliminate perspiration.

Bowling is comparable with golf, tennis, or baseball in the sense that a player not equipped with paraphernalia suited to his individual requirements cannot progress very far.

And so the ball is the mighty factor in bowling. Not enough emphasis can be put on the proper choice of the sphere. It should, by all odds, fit "like a glove." It must be snug, but not tight It must be of proper width and span so that it will not tight. It must be of the proper stride to the foul line, and yet will release itself easily as the swing reaches its follow-through.

The ordinary grip with a two-fingered ball. Note that the ball rests in the palm of the left hand, putting the sphere in position for a simple and comfortable insertion of the thumb and finger.

Al Unser, back for another try at a Tiger backstop job, has played every position at least 100 times each in his long career in the minors in addition to managing two seasons. His pinch-homer versus New York last season with the bases loaded and two out in the ninth, enabling Detroit to trim the Yankees, 6-2, was the standout "Meriweli" hitting feat of the year.